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RESOLVES

OF THE

HOUSE OF BURGESSES,

Paſſed the 16th of May, 1769.

RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, THAT the ſole Right of impoſing Taxes on the Inhabitants of this his Majeſty's Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, is now, and ever hath been, legally and conſtitutionally veſted in the Houſe of Burgeſſes, lawfully convened according to the antient and eſtabliſhed Practice, with the Conſent of the Council, and of his Majeſty, the King of *Great-Britain*, or his Governor for the Time being.

RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, That it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to petition their Sovereign for Redreſs of Grievances: and that it is lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majeſty's other Colonies, in dutiful Addreſſes, praying the Royal Interpoſition in Favour of the violated Rights of *America*.

RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, That all Trials for Treaſon, Miſprifion of Treaſon, or for any Felony or Crime whatſoever, committed and done in this his Majeſty's ſaid Colony and Dominion, by any Perſon or Perſons reſiding therein, ought of Right to be had, and conducted in and before his Majeſty's Courts, held within the ſaid Colony, according to the fixed and known Courſe of Proceeding: and that the having any Perſon or Perſons reſiding in this Colony, ſuſpected of any Crime whatſoever, committed therein, and ſending ſuch Perſon or Perſons to Places beyond the Sea to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of *Britiſh* Subjects; as thereby the ineſtimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, as well as the Liberty of ſummoning and producing Witneſſes on ſuch Trial, will be taken away from the Party accuſed.

RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, That an humble, dutiful, and loyal Addreſs, be preſented to his Majeſty, to aſſure him of our inviolable Attachment to his ſacred Perſon and Government; and to beſeech his Royal Interpoſition, as the Father of all his People, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, to quiet the Minds of his loyal Subjects of this Colony, and to avert from them thoſe Dangers and Miſeries which will enſue, from the ſeizing and carrying beyond Sea any Perſon reſiding in *America*, ſuſpected of any Crime whatſoever, to be tried in any other Manner than by the antient and long eſtabliſhed Courſe of Proceeding.

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THE Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for the ſeſſion beginning *November* 6th 1766, and extending to the 16th day of *December* following, was located after an exhauſted ſearch in the *Britiſh Record Office*. In the Report[1] of the *American Hiſtorical Aſſociation* a reference is made to the Journal of this ſeſſion, but as only the date the Aſſembly convened is given, it is apparent that no copy was found.

In the efforts of the State to locate this Journal, alſo thoſe of 1767 and 1768, it was aſcertained that it was not an uncommon cuſtom at that time to forward certain records from one Colony to another, where they would be read and forwarded to the Home Government. With this knowledge at hand *B. F. Stevens & Brown*, of *London, England*, were authorized to make an extenſive examination of the records of other Colonies in ſearch of the miſſing Journals. Sometime after this reſearch was undertaken, the Journals in queſtion were located in the collection known as the Board of Trade Papers of *North Carolina;* thereby enabling the State to complete its ſeries to 1680. Several Journals not known to exiſt heretofore were alſo located. This is eſpecially true for the period between 1680 and the beginning of the eighteenth century.

The ſeſſion beginning *March* 12th, 1767, and extending to the 11th of *April* following, has apparently eſcaped the attention of all bibliographers to date. This Journal was likewiſe found among the *North Carolina* Papers, and, like the Journal of 1766 is exceedingly important, ſince it contains among other matter, the ſecond report of the Committee appointed to examine into the affairs of *John Robinſon*, Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and Treaſurer of the Colony from 1738 to 1766.

The Journal of 1768, being the third and the moſt recent diſcovery, was likewiſe located by *B. F. Stevens & Brown* in the *North Carolina* collection. This Journal extends from the 31ſt of *March* to the 16th of *April* 1768, and is equally as important as any Journal of that period. It is inferred from the report of the *American Hiſtorical Aſſociation* that no copy had been located; ſimply a note indicating the date the Aſſembly convened being given.

The firſt ſeſſion of the Aſſembly of 1769 convened on the 8th day of *May*, and was diſſolved by Governor *Botetourt* on the 17th day of the ſame month. The only printed copy of this Journal which the editor has been enabled to locate, is to be found in the *Library of Congreſs*.

Copies of the Journal of the ſecond ſeſſion of 1769, which extended from *November* 7th to *December* 21ſt, have been located in the *Library* of *Congreſs*, the *Philadelphia Library Company* and the *Virginia State Library;* the latter Inſtitution poſſeſſing four copies. So far as it is poſſible to aſcertain, all printed copies above referred to are in good ſtate of preſervation, eſpecially the Journal of the firſt ſeſſion of 1769, which is the property of the *Library of Congreſs*.

Oppoſition to the Stamp Act having been determined upon, the Houſe of Burgeſſes adopted reſolutions oppoſing its enforcement. Little hope, however, of effecting ſuch a reſult exiſted, owing to the unfriendly attitude of the Duke of *Cumberland*, who was Prime Miniſter at that time. The Colonies were led to believe that nothing favorable to their intereſts could emanate from him, though they had a ſtrong friend in Gen-

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[1] Report of 1897, p. 435.

eral *Conway*, the new Secretary for the Colonies, who defended them valiantly upon the floor of Parliament. The friendly attitude of this officer, and the death of the Prime Minister on October 31st, the day before the Stamp Act was to become effective, gave rise to a renewed determination to at least effect a modification of the law. A new Colonial policy being necessary, Parliament at once assembled and had laid before them various papers showing the condition of the Colonies, including the famous *Virginia* Resolutions which had caused so much excitement and disturbance. In addition to this, many merchants of *London* who complained that the Act greatly injured their trade petitioned Parliament for relief. *Pitt* urged in the face of the strongest opposition an immediate repeal, denying the right of Parliament to tax *America*, and rejoicing in the resistance of the Colonies. He maintained that "three millions of people so dead to all the feeling of liberty as voluntarily to submit to be slaves, would have been fit instruments to make slaves of the rest." In the House of Lords, Lord *Camden* upheld the position of the Colonies in a most eloquent manner, his remarks upon that occasion clearly denoting his strength and character; "My position is this—I repeat it, I will will maintain it to my last hour—taxation and representation are inseparable; this position is founded on the laws of nature; it is more, it is itself an eternal law of nature; for whatever is a man's own is absolutely his own; no man hath a right to take it from him without his consent, either expressed by himself or representation; whoever attempts to do it attempts an injury; whoever does it commits a robbery; throws down and destroys the distinction between liberty and slavery. Taxation and representation are coeval with, and essential to, this Constitution." Such arguments proved irresistible and the repeal of the Act was effected. *George* III signed this paper that meant so much to *Americans* on *March* 18th 1766; his action causing great joy and happiness both in *England* and the Colonies.

Governor *Fauquier*, upon receipt of authority from the Home Government, issued a proclamation on the 9th day of *June*, 1766, in which he stated that the Stamp Act had been repealed, and calling upon all "magistrates, officers and others whom it may concern" to proceed with business and execute their respective duties in accordance with the Law:

By the Honourable *FRANCIS FAUQUIER*, Esquire, His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of the said Colony and Dominion:

A PROCLAMATION.

VIRGINIA, to-wit:

Whereas, his Majesty has been graciously pleased to give his assent to an act of Parliament (a copy of which is now in this colony) entitled *An act*[1] *to repeal an act made in the last session of Parliament, entitled An Act for granting and applying certain Stamp Duties, and other duties, in the* British *colonies and plantations in* America, *towards further defraying the expense of defending, protecting, and securing the same; and for amending such parts of the several acts of Parliament, relating to the trade and revenue of the said colonies and plantations, as direct the manner of determining and recovering the penalties and forfeitures therein mentioned:* I have thought proper, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, to issue this proclamation,[2] hereby notifying the same; to the end that all magistrates, officers, and others whom it may concern, do proceed on business, and execute the respective duties of their office in the useful course. And for the more solemn signification thereof, I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the courthouse of the several counties within this dominion.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the colony, at *Williamsburg*, this 9th day of *June*, 1766, and the 6th year of his Majesty's reign.

FRANCIS FAUQUIER.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

[1] Great Britain—Statutes at Large, Vol. VI, p. 667. [2] Williamsburg Gazette.

The announcement of the repeal of the Stamp Act was accepted in *Virginia* as a guarantee of the inherent rights of men. Great joy was everywhere evidenced and the action of Parliament was looked upon as a happy deliverance.

The Aſſembly meeting on *November* 6th following, it was found that many of the members who had ſupported the reſolutions againſt the Stamp Act had been returned, while others who had oppoſed it had loſt their ſeats. Upon aſſembling a bill was introduced to erect a ſtatue to *George* III, and to the champions of the Colonies who had contributed to the repeal. A ſection of *Halifax* County was ſet aſide at the ſame time, and named *Pittſylvania*, in honor of *Pitt*, and a pariſh in the ſame County was named in honor of *Camden*. The effect of the repeal of the Stamp Act, however, ſoon cauſed *George* III to repent of his action; he regarding it as a "fatal compliance with popular demand," and determined to hold abſolute authority in the Colonies. *Charles Townſhend*, Chancellor of the Exchequer, advanced a method by which a revenue might be drawn from *America* without offence. He ſtated that he was a "firm advocate of the Stamp Act, for its principle and for duty itſelf; . . . "I laugh at the abſurd diſtinction between internal and external taxes. I know of no ſuch diſtinction. It is a diſtinction without a difference; it is perfect nonſenſe; if we have a right to impoſe the one, we have a right to impoſe the other; a diſtinction is ridiculous in the opinion of every-body, except the *Americans*." Then laying his hand on the table in front of him, he added "*England* is undone, if this taxation is given up." Such oppoſition to the Colonies reſulted in the paſſage of an Act to impoſe certain duties, which was to take effect *November* 20th 1767, and to be enforced by a Board of Trade of the King's own ſelection. *Townſhend*, like the Duke of *Cumberland*, died before the Duty Act took effect, and Lord *North* ſucceeded him as Chancellor of the Exchequer. At the ſame time the Earl of *Hillſborough* was made Secretary for the Colonies.

The *Maſſachuſetts* Aſſembly meeting *December* 30th 1767, an addreſs prepared by *Samuel Adams* to the Miniſtry, and a petition to the King ſetting forth the rights of the Colonies were forwarded to *England*. The following year *Virginia* likewiſe paſſed reſolutions[1] in the form of a remonſtrance to the Houſe of Commons. Theſe petitions greatly offended the King, and a royal order was iſſued requiring *Maſſachuſetts* to reſcind its letter, and all other Aſſemblies to treat it with contempt. This the various Colonies refuſed to do, on the contrary they expreſſed their sympathy for *Maſſachuſetts* and *Virginia*.

With this condition of affairs exiſting in the Colonies, Parliament in *November* 1768, determined to make an example of *Maſſachuſetts*. A petition to the King aſking that the principal offenders be brought to England and tried by ſpecial commiſſion having failed, the Miniſtry attempted to ſeparate *Maſſachuſetts* from the other Colonies by promiſing to repeal a part of the Duty Act, which it was judged would appeal to them. At the ſame time it was determined that Baron de *Botetourt*, an amiable and attractive man ſhould be appointed Governor of *Virginia*, with a view to alienating the intereſts of this Colony from thoſe of the Colonies in general. The firſt act of this Governor was moſt popular; he concurring with the Council in refuſing to iſſue writs of aſſiſtance for the enforcement of the Revenue Act. At the meeting of the Aſſembly on *May* 11th, 1769, he aſſured the Burgeſſes of the high regard which *George* III maintained for them, and ſtated that in the future the Governor ſhould reſide within the Colony, and that *Virginia* ſhould no longer be governed by a Deputy. He likewiſe promiſed to extend the juriſdiction of the Colony to the *Tenneſſee* River, but diſcloſed the real purpoſe of *England* in expreſſing the wiſh that no reſolutions ſuſtaining the cauſe of *Maſſachuſetts* be paſſed by the *Virginia* Aſſembly. *Virginia* had no idea however, of deſerting *Maſſachuſetts*, and the Aſſembly ſo expreſſed itſelf on the 16th of *May* following. At that time reſolutions[2] to the effect that the right of impoſing taxes upon the Colony of *Virginia* was alone veſted in the Houſe of Burgeſſes; that all trials for treaſon or any other crime ſhould, when committed in *America* be tried there, and that the "ſending of ſuch perſon or perſons to places beyond the ſea to be tried" was derogatory to the rights of *Britiſh* Subjects. A petition concerning the ſame ſubject was likewiſe forwarded

[1] *See* Journal, Thurſday, April 14, 4768.

[2] Frontiſpiece—Broadſide in Virginia State Library.

warded to *George* III, copies of which were to be printed in the *Engliſh* papers. The proceedings on this occaſion were held behind cloſed doors; the Burgeſſes fearing a diſſolution before their taſk could be completed.

The Miniſtry finding many difficulties confronting them, and knowing of the exiſtence of a large party who favored the Colonies were forced to yield, and it was determined to repeal all Duties except that which had been placed upon tea. This conceſſion brought about a re-adjuſtment of Colonial affairs, and aſſured the Colonies that no further effort would be made to raiſe a revenue from *America*. Governor *Botetourt* communicated this deciſion of the Crown to the *Virginia* Aſſembly on *November* 7th 1769, and the repeal of exiſting taxes was accepted as a juſt and equitable ſettlement of the grievances of the Colony. This ended the diſcuſſion on the queſtion of taxation, and permitted the taking up of matters of importance to the Colony, many of which had been delayed ſince the paſſage of the Stamp Act.

Aſide from the repeal of the Stamp Act nothing affected the Colony of *Virginia* ſo vitally during the period of 1766 to 1769 as did the condition of the Treaſury. The action of *John Robinſon*, Treaſurer of the Colony, in re-emitting treaſury notes that were ordered to be burned by the Aſſembly, created intenſe excitement in money circles, and reſulted in the ſeparation of the offices of Treaſurer and Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes. In placing theſe notes into circulation again, it was claimed that *Robinſon* had but one object in view, and that to relieve the great financial ſtreſs which the country experienced at that time. Under ſimilar circumſtances in former years, the money deſtroyed by order of an Aſſembly was quickly followed by a new ſeries of notes which were at once placed in circulation. It was not difficult therefore, to meet the demand made upon the colony for funds, eſpecially when a tax more than ſufficient in itſelf to redeem the entire output of Treaſury notes was alſo levied.

In 1765 when *Virginia* was experiencing a financial panic, which aroſe from the vaſt indebtedneſs which the colony had incurred during the *French* and *Indian* Wars of the preceding ten years, demands were made upon the Treaſury by the leading men of the Colony for financial aid. Not having the currency on hand at that time, and *Great Britain* having forbidden the further iſſue of Treaſury notes, neither the Treaſurer nor the Aſſembly could render any aſſiſtance in reſponſe to the needs of the Colony. The Treaſurer had however, in his poſſeſſion, a large number of Treaſury notes that had been redeemed, which he held pending the order of the Committee appointed by the Aſſembly to deſtroy them. Seeing an opportunity to prevent further financial diſtreſs, he cauſed theſe notes to be re-emitted, accepting as ſecurity the paper of Various individuals when properly endorſed. Theſe notes were redeemable before the time ſettled upon for burning them, and were filed as ſecurities with the records of the Treaſurer. Mr *Robinſon* having died on *Sunday May* 11th, 1766, theſe notes were diſcovered and the irregularity of his actions made known to the Colony. The Colony at once became divided on the queſtion of the guilt or innocence of the accuſed, many claiming that he was juſtified under the circumſtances juſt ſtated, in taking the action he did in the matter. The ſecurities held by him as Treaſurer, and his vaſt eſtate more than met the demands of the Colony,[1] and the reports of the inveſtigating committee indicate his purpoſe as anything but an intent to defraud.

Owing to the little attention that the Aſſembly paid to the finances of the Colony, and as an indication of its utmoſt appreciation of the Treaſurer's ability, it is intereſting to follow its action concerning him, from his appointment in 1738, to the Aſſembly which convened after his death in 1766.

Reference to the Statutes of *Virginia* reveals the fact that *John Robinſon* was appointed Treaſurer of the Colony in *November*, 1738. He ſucceeded *Richard Randolph*, Eſquire, who was appointed by Governor *Gooch* to fill the unexpired term of Sir *John Randolph*, Knight, deceaſed.

The duties of the Treaſurer of the Colony of *Virginia* at that time, is ſet out in full in *Hening's Statutes*, Volume 5, pp. 64, 65, Section 2:

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[1] Randolph—Hiſtory of Virginia, (Mſs.) p. 110.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Burgeſſes, of this preſent General Aſſembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the ſame, That from and after the end of this ſeſſion of Aſſembly, *John Robinſon*, the younger, eſq. ſhall be, and he is hereby nominated, conſtituted, and appointed treaſurer of the revenue ariſing from the duty upon liquors and ſlaves, laid and impoſed by the three ſeveral acts of aſſembly above mentioned; to hold the ſaid office ſo long as he ſhall continue to be ſpeaker of the houſe of Burgeſſes, and from the time of his being out of that office, until the end of the next ſeſſion of aſſembly: And the ſaid *John Robinſon* is hereby authorized, impowered, and required, to demand, receive and take, of and from the ſeveral collectors of the ſaid duties, all and every the ſum and ſums of money ariſing by force and virtue of the ſaid acts, or any or either of them: And to demand and receive of the executors of the ſaid Sir *John Randolph*, and of the ſaid *Richard Randolph*, his executors and adminiſtrators, reſpectively, all ſuch ſum or ſums of money, as the ſaid Sir *John Randolph*, and *Richard Randolph*, or either of them, have received, on account of the ſaid duties, or otherwiſe, as treaſurer or treaſurers of *Virginia;* and which ſhall be in the hands of the ſaid *Richard Randolph*, or of the executors of the ſaid Sir *John Randolph*, at the end of this ſeſſion, and not otherwiſe appropriated by this preſent general aſſembly; allowing the ſaid *Richard Randolph* for his trouble, in paying the money ſo appropriated, the ſum of one hundred and fifty pounds: Which ſaid money, as well as all other ſums by him received, in virtue of his ſaid office of treaſurer, he the ſaid *John Robinſon* ſhall utter and apply, to and for ſuch uſes, and upon ſuch warrants, as by the ſaid acts for laying the ſaid duties, or by any other act or acts of the general aſſembly, is or ſhall be appointed and directed; and ſhall be accountable for the ſame to the general aſſembly.

John Robinſon was re-appointed by the acts of 1742, 1752, 1756, 1758 and 1761; holding his office in conjunction with that of Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for twenty-eight years. An examination of the Journals from 1751 to 1765 reveals the fact that eight committees were appointed to examine the Treaſurer's accounts during that period. Theſe examinations were mere matters of form, and the reports prior to 1763 conſiſted of a ſimple ſtatement of the balance in the Treaſury, and to the correctneſs of the Treaſurer's report. Such reports as were made beween the period of 1752 and 1762 were delivered by *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, who was chairman of the committee appointed to undertake the inveſtigation. The perſonnel of the committee during this period was ſeldom changed, *Charles Carter* being aſſiſted by *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, *Dudley Digges*, *Benjamin Harriſon* and others. In 1763, however, the committee was reduced to three in number, *Richard Bland*, *Richard Henry Lee*, and *Benjamin Harriſon*. Mr *Bland* reporting from this committee at that time, pronounced the account to be correct, and ſet forth in detail the notes emitted ſince *June* 1757, alſo the ſeveral taxes impoſed by law for ſinking the ſame. From this report it is aſcertained that ſince the above mentioned date 412, 962 £. 10 *s.* had been iſſued in the form of notes; the iſſues dating *June* 1757, *April* 1758, *September* 1758, *February* 1759, *November* 1759, *March* 1760, *May* 1760 and *March* 1762. It is likewiſe ſhown that the taxes created to redeem theſe notes exceeded by 11, 452 £. 4*s.* 7*d.*, the aggregate amount of the notes liſted. The ſhowing made by the Treaſurer at this time was therefore gratifying, and indications pointed to development along financial lines. By the Act[1] of *November* 1761 the committee was authorized to deſtroy all bills and notes found by them in the cuſtody of the Treaſurer, giving a receipt in full for notes burned. At the time of this examination the report further ſtates that 85,655 £. 6*s.* 6*d* was deſtroyed in this manner. This ſtatement[2] is the firſt one ſet out in detail that appears in the records of the Aſſembly, and as ſuch marks an era of financial development in the commonwealth.

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[1] Hening, Vol. 7 p. 468. [2] Journal, Tueſday, May 24, 1763.

The next report made by the committee of the condition of the Treaſury, was delivered to the Houſe on the 29th of *May* 1765, when Mr *Cary* reported that the accounts were truly ſtated, and the balance in the hands of the Treaſurer to be 10,068£. 3*s*. 9*d*.

Richard Henry Lee in his "Memoir[1] of the Life of *Richard Henry Lee*" ſpeaking of the circumſtances leading up to the inveſtigation of 1765 makes the following ſtatement:

> "The next occaſion upon which Mr *Lee* diſtinguiſhed himſelf as an uſeful and patriotic member, was one of real importance to the colony. Mr *Robinſon*, who, from his family and wealth, was at the head of the ariſtocratic party, united in his perſon the offices of ſpeaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and treaſurer of the colony. The latter office was in the gift of the crown, and thoſe who held it had always been obſequious to the court. Such was the caſe with Mr *Robinſon*. Poſſeſſed of great wealth, and high in official dignity, and being beſides a perſon of an unaſſuming air, and politeneſs of manners, and of a great amiableneſs of nature, he was the moſt popular man of his party, and was perſonally much beloved. As a politician and legiſlator, he was a known "ariſtocrat"—yet many members of the republican party were in habits of friendly intercourſe with him, and eſteemed him as a man while they oppoſed him and the meaſures of his political friends.
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> The colony of *Virginia* had contracted large debts, by its exertions in the *French* and *Indian* wars, which had deſolated its weſtern frontiers. It had been compelled to anticipate its revenue, and to borrow conſiderable ſums of money. To repay theſe loans, it had iſſued government paper redeemable, in each year, to a certain amount, by taxes pledged for the purpoſe. It was made the duty of the treaſurer, to burn the bills which ſhould be annually called in. The treaſurer had been liberal of his private funds to his friends, whoſe ſtyle of living required larger expenditures than their eſtates yielded. When theſe were exhauſted he had been induced to lend to many members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, the government bills which had been redeemed, and ought to have been deſtroyed. It is ſaid, that he relied on his own means to prevent any ultimate injury to the ſtate, and upon the ſecurity he had taken. The fact, that the treaſurer had made an improper uſe of the money of the public, became known; or, at leaſt, ſtrong ſuſpicions, were entertained on the ſubject. Theſe ſuſpicions gave riſe to converſations among the oppoſition party; and, it was in agitation, to move an inquiry into the grounds of them. The conſiderations, that the ſpeaker was individually concerned in the inquiry contemplated; that the intereſts of the colony were involved in it; that ſome of the ableſt and moſt influential men in the houſe, were intimate friends of the ſpeaker, and that a failure to prove his defalcation, no matter from what cauſe, would be repreſented as the juſt reſult of a malignant attack on him, made it a delicate and fearful taſk, to move the inquiry. Great indeciſion and backwardneſs were evinced. Mr *Lee*, as ſoon as he had ſatiſfied his mind that there were grounds upon which to reſt the ſuſpicions, determined to brave every riſk, and to aſſert the juſtice and neceſſity, of bringing delinquents to puniſhment. To his mind, their exaltation and influence, offered no juſt exception to the rigid application of theſe principles. The difficulties he would have to encounter, in the preſent cauſe, ſerved only to ſtimulate his firm and adventurous ſpirit. Accordingly, he moved 'that a committee be appointed to inquire into the ſtate of the treaſury.' As ſoon as the government partly perceived what ſubject Mr *Lee* was about to agitate, they diſcovered ſymptoms of alarm, and prepared for a ſtrenuous reſiſtance. The ſpeaker fixt his eyes with a dark and terrible frown upon Mr *Lee*. The members oppoſed to his motion, turned their faces from him, with haughty and diſdainful airs; but, theſe things had no other effect, than to animate

[1] Vol. 1, pp. 21–23.

animate Mr *Lee* to ſtrains of indignant eloquence. The moſt able and influential members of the houſe, oppoſed his motion, yet, he refuted with great force, all objections to the inquiry, and ſeemed to gain ſtrength and ardour, from the very means taken to defeat it. The reſolution was finally adopted; then purſuing his ſucceſs, he brought the buſineſs to a cloſe, which promiſed to ſave the colony from great fiſcal embarraſſment, and the people from additional burdens. This achievement of Mr *Lee*, added greatly to his reputation throughout the colony. The author has found among the manuſcripts of Mr *Lee*, a letter from a gentleman of a diſtant county of the colony, and not perſonally acquainted with him, complimenting him on the part he had acted, and thanking him, for the good he had done to his fellow citizens."

The effect of the report, which *Edmund Randolph* ſtates was made by the enemies of *Robinſon*[1]; while exonerating *Robinſon* gave riſe to the adviſability of ſeparating the office of Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes from that of the Treaſurer. That this queſtion was conſidered of great moment at the time, is noted in a letter of Governor *Fauquier* to the Board of Trade, dated *Williamſburg, April* 7th, 1766:

Williamſburg,[2] *7 April*, 1766.

. . . Your Lordſhips would have made me extremely happy if you had thought it adviſable to have been more explicit in relation to the Speakerſhip and Treaſurſhip. But as your Lordſhips have honored me with a diſcretionary power to take the firſt favorable opportunity of dividing them, your Lordſhips may be aſſured I will act to the beſt of my judgment to promote His Majeſty's ſervice, both now and hereafter; and if I ſhould be ſo unfortunate as to find your Lordſhips differ from me in that judgment, I muſt truſt to your wonted candor to excuſe me

Your moſt obedient ſervant,

FAUQUIER.

This deciſion on the part of the Board of Trade weighed heavily upon *Robinſon*, who at that time was very ill at his home in the County of *King & Queen*. On *Sunday* the 11th of *May* following the Treaſurer died, and as is indicated by the preſs of the time, his death produced general ſorrow throughout the Colony. Speaking of this noted Virginian, *Edmund Randolph*, in his *Hiſtory of Virginia*[1] pays a glowing tribute, which throws an important light upon his character and accompliſhments:

"The death of *John Robinſon*, the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and Treaſurer of the colony produced great agitation. Theſe offices had been generally united in the ſame perſon. The chair, as the preſidency of that Houſe was called, was the ſeat of the prolocutor, and being without a ſalary derived the ſupport of its dignity, as far as money was neceſſary to it, from the emoluments attached to the Treaſury.

This gentleman was a native, educated wholly in *Virginia*. His reputation was great for ſound political knowledge; and an acquaintance with parliamentary forms,—a benevolence, which created friends; and a ſincerity which never loſt one. Then only had he an enemy when the private individual was to be ſunk in the public office.

When he preſided the decorum of the houſe outſhone that of the *Britiſh* Houſe of Commons, even with *Onſlow* at their head. When he propounded a queſtion, his comprehenſion and perſpicuity brought it equally to the moſt humble and the moſt poliſhed underſtanding. To committees he nominated the members beſt qualified. He ſtated to the Houſe the contents of every bill, and ſhewed himſelf to be a perfect maſter of the ſubject. When he pronounced the rules of order, he convinced the reluctant. When on a floor of

[1] Randolph—Hiſtory of Virginia, (Mſs) pp. 110–111. [2] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

of a committee of the whole houſe, he opened the debate, he ſubmitted reſolutions and enforced them with ſimplicity and might. In the limited ſphere of colonial politics, he was a colufnn. Hence he was for a long time elevated above the criticiſm of his faults. The thouſand little flattering attentions, which can be ſcattered from the chair, operated as a delicious incenſe. When he was ſuſpected of miſmanaging the treaſury, he could probably have ſheltered himſelf by ſome handy reſolution; but he met the charge with an air of magnanimity and defence, and appointed his very enemies to inveſtigate it. Exculpated by their report, he continued triumphant until his death unlocked the truth. Immediately on his deceaſe a ſuſpicion ſtalked abroad and a large deficit was aſcertained in the treaſury.

In the Aſſembly a board of five commiſſioners, rather than a ſingle Treaſurer, was urged by ſeveral leading members; but the neceſſary expence, and the confidence in M^r *Nicholas*, whom the Governor had appointed Treaſurer for the time, confirmed him in the poſt. He was allowed a commiſſion on the monies received; and *Peyton Randolph*, the Speaker, a ſalary of five hundred pounds ſterling *per annum*. M^r *Robinſon's* arrearage has been diſcharged. The only apology which can be framed for the ſupineneſs of the Legiſlature in not more frequently and more minutely examining the Treaſury, is founded in human nature. A ſeeming captious jealouſy is painful. Addreſſes to the heart are too apt to ſilence the admonitions of the underſtanding: and patriotiſm itſelf is ſometimes checked by the generoſity of abhorring the ſemblance of perſecution.

The intermediate period between this time and the beginning of the year 1774 reſembled that ſeaſon between two old friends, when the language begins to be embittered, and the heart is gnawed; a rupture is dreaded, but the cauſe is not forgiven.

On *May* 21^ſt following, ten days after the death of *Robinſon*, *Robert Carter Nicholas* was appointed by Governor *Fauquier* to fill the unexpired term. In connection with this appointment the Governor, writing to the Board of Trade on the date of the death of the Speaker, announced that His Majeſty's Attorney General, M^r *Randolph* and *Richard Henry Lee* were ſpoken of for the Treaſurerſhip. In this connection Governor *Fauquier* expreſſes his preference for the Attorney General, and ſuggeſts *George Wythe* as M^r *Randolph's* ſucceſſor:

Williamſburg,[1] *May* 11, 1766.

My Lords:

It is with great concern I am to inform your Lordſhips that His Majeſty's Service has received a ſhock from the death of our late worthy Speaker. This event would have been a ſenſible loſs at any time, but more particularly ſo now, as I had promiſed myſelf great aſſiſtance from him in the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, to quiet the minds of the people and bring them to a juſt and proper ſenſe of their duty. He was a man of integrity and ability, and one for whom I had long entertained a great eſteem.

I have heard of two Candidates for his offices, viz^t. His Majeſty's Attorney General M^r Randolph *and M^r* Lee. *The firſt is, of all men in this Colony, in my judgment the beſt qualified to repair the loſs, as he poſſeſſes the good qualities of his late moſt intimate friend, and has always been one of the foremoſt to promote His Majeſty's ſervice in all the requiſitions of the Crown, and has always uſed his endeavours to induce the Aſſembly to concur with me in all meaſures which were conducible to the honor and dignity of the Crown, and the peace and advantage of the Colony. On theſe accounts my wiſhes for ſucceſs attend him.*

In caſe of a vacancy in the place of Attorney General I intend to nominate M^r Geo. Wythe *to ſucceed M^r* Randolph *till His Majeſty ſhall be pleaſed to appoint another. This gentleman has alſo exerted himſelf in ſupport of Government*

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

Government particularly ſo in his oppoſition to the late hot and virulent reſolutions which brought on the diſſolution. Such men my Lords I am humbly of opinion merit the favorable eye of the Government, and I hope your Lordſhips will think it for the ſervice of the Crown to let it be caſt on them.

I cannot my Lords deny this truth, that I have conceived a love and eſteem for theſe gentlemen, but if I know my own heart, it was at firſt generated and has been ſince nouriſhed by my obſerving their conduct both in public and private life, which has been uniformly void of guile and ſteady in the ſupport of Government.

By the Act of Aſſembly which appoints a Treaſurer, I am authorized in caſe of death or reſignation, with the advice of the Council, to appoint one to officiate till the next meeting of the Aſſemply. I ſhould moſt certainly have caſt my eyes on M^r Attorney General, *but such an appointment would have vacated his ſeat in the Aſſembly and ſo would have defeated his ſchemes of being Speaker; therefore not to preclude any body of that houſe from that poſt of honor, if the Council ſhould be of opinion with me, I ſhall now be for keeping M^r* James Cocke, *the late Treaſurer's Clerk in the office as principal, till the General Aſſembly ſhall appoint another. He has tranſacted the whole buſineſs of the office with great reputation for many years; he has all the papers of office and accompts in his cuſtody, and perhaps it may be for the beſt to let him keep all together, to deliver them to the Treaſurer appointed by Act of Aſſembly; rather than to have them paſs through an intermediate hand, as his reputation is ſuch as to be able to give me any ſecurity I can aſk. I ſhould be glad if it was in my power to do anything for him. I have on two different occaſions made him acting Collector of the Cuſtoms protempore, but he has not yet had the good fortune to be confirmed by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms.*

Will your Lordſhips excuſe for opening my boſom to you without the leaſt reſerve? If the Houſe of Burgeſſes ſhould on their meeting elect a Speaker who has diſtinguiſhed himſelf in the ſervice of the Crown it is my preſent intention, becauſe I think it for His Majeſty's ſervice, to paſs the Act for making him Treaſurer, (for they will certainly appoint their own Speaker). If on the contrary they ſhall elect a man who has been remarkable for oppoſing all meaſures of Government, my intention is, for the ſame reaſon, to refuſe the Bill, be the Conſequence what it may.

I am with the greateſt eſteem and regard My Lords Your Lordſhips moſt obd^t. obliged and devoted Serv^t.

FRAN. FAUQUIER.

Without waiting to receive a reply from the Board of Trade, concerning his ſuggeſtion, Governor *Fauquier*, under date of *May* 22nd, 1766, nominated *Robert Carter Nicholas* as Treaſurer of the Colony of *Virginia*:

Williamſburg,[1] *22 May,* 1766.

I am very happy that the ſhip which conveys my letter of the 11th *inſtant to your Lordſhips has given me time to inform you of an alteration juſt made in the affair of the Treaſurer. M^r* Nicholas *a gentleman of an unexceptional character who is of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, has deſired the Treaſurerſhip, for which he is willing to vacate his ſeat. Upon which I withdrew my recommendation of M^r* Cocke *who is to be continued Clerk of the Treaſury, and by the advice of the Council have nominated M^r* Nicholas *to ſucceed the late M^r* Robinſon *till a Treaſurer is appointed by Act of Aſſembly. It now begins to be whiſpered about that M^r* Nicholas's *friends who are pretty numerous will endeavor to divide the officers of Speaker and Treaſurer to ſecure the laſt to their friend. Your Lordſhips may be aſſured that I will with pleaſure lay hold on this opportunity if poſſible, to effect what has been recommended to me by your right honorable Board. I am my Lords your moſt obd^t. and devoted Serv^t.*

FAUQUIER.

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[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

The appointment of *Nicholas*, who ſtrongly favored the ſeparation of the offices of Speaker and Treaſurer, at once produced lengthy arguments both for and againſt the plan. It was claimed that the new incumbent, not only fought the office with the knowledge of the friendſhip exiſting between the Governor and himſelf, but in order to ingratiate himſelf in the public favor publiſhed to the world the miſconduct of his predeceſſor. An article to this effect, ſigned "*Philautos*" appeared in the *Williamſburg Gazette, July* 25th 1766, a ſection of which is herewith given:

"... *The ſaid Gentlemen, believing that the favourable light he ſtood in with the Governour and Council might very probably procure him the office of Treaſurer, for the time it was in their power to grant, offers his ſervice, and according to expectation readily obtains; but modeſtly preſuming that his intereſt in the Houſe of Burgeſſes would not be ſufficient both to continue him in that office and alſo to confer on him that of Speaker, wiſely choſe to preach up the expediency of a ſeparation of thoſe offices; and to ingratiate himſelf the more in the publick's favour, and thereby merit a continuance in this his new acquired office, by far the moſt lucrative of the two, he very haſtily publiſhed to the world the miſconduct of his predeceſſor, viz. That he had lent out to his friends the money belonging to the Treaſury, whereby there is too large a quantity kept in circulation and ſeems to alarm the publick even with a danger of the loſs of it. Which latter intimation I muſt think altogether groundleſs.*". . .

PHILAUTOS.

Again in the defence of the *Treaſurer's* good name "*An Honeſt Buckſkin*," [1] referring to the reflection caſt upon *Robinſon*, calls attention to the fact that no derogatory ſtatement ſhould have been made prior to a duly recognized "inveſtigation of the late Treaſurer's accounts." This point was evidently well taken for no inveſtigation of the Treaſury was made until the *November* Seſſion following. It is further claimed by the ſame writer that no fraudulent act had been committed, and that a charge of embezzlement was decidedly unjuſt:

"*The proper period for inquiry might then have protected his memory from the ſlur embezzlement, by a diſcovery that this miſmanagement proceeded from nothing fraudulent in the Gentleman, but from that humane diſpoſition charity, ſo much recommended by Chriſtianity to be concealed from vain oſtentation; for although charity, or any ſuch ſpecies of benevolence, is certainly condemnable when extended out of any office of truſt yet it muſt be allowed that it is a virtue of that amiable dignity which will require the moſt decent tenderneſs in any reprehenſion of it.*". . .

AN HONEST BUCKSKIN.

Robert Carter Nicholas, replying [2] to this communication, diſclaims any reflection upon the memory of Mr *Robinſon*, and exonorates him of any intention of doing other than the beſt of motives dictated:

"... *The inſinuations thrown out of my deſigning to reflect upon the late Gentleman, as if I thought he had "embezzled" the publick money, or upon his debtors or ſecurities, as if there was any danger of the money's being entirely loſt to the country, are all equally ill natured as they are groundleſs; with reſpect to the firſt, I declare upon my honor, that I never had the leaſt doubt of his intention to charge himſelf with every ſhilling, which came to his hands, or for which he ought to have been accountable; and I cannot diſcover the leaſt hint, in what I wrote, to the contrary; I know I have always declared my opinion quite the reverſe, and it has given me pain to hear anything like a* peculation *ſuggeſted. As to the ſecurities, I do not know even at this time who they are, and never had any doubt of*

[1] Virginia Gazette, Auguſt 1, 1766.

[2] Virginia Gazette, September 5, 1766.

of their ſufficiency; nor do I know who are the debtors, except from what I may accidentally have heard in converſation and a few circumſtances which neceſſarily fell under my notice. . ."

ROBERT C. NICHOLAS.

This admiſſion was in reply to "*Philautos,*" whom *Nicholas* quotes in the ſame communication as follows:

"The Speaker knew that the circulating caſh was deficient and that it was not in the power of the Aſſembly[1] to ſatiſfy the general want of the publick by a new emiſſion of paper currency; (Parliament prohibited its continuance) he knew that the publick could ſuſtain no loſs, as his own eſtates, &c. would be a ſufficient indemnification, and that before the money advanced could be called for, it would be replaced in the Treaſury. . ."

In defence of his poſition, *Robert Carter Nicholas,* while poſſeſſing many friends, was unaſſiſted through the preſs during the Summer of 1766. On *October* 17th, however, following, "*A Freeholder*" came to his aſſiſtance by publiſhing a lengthy article in the *Virginia Gazette* of that day. In this communication herewith given, it is alleged that the Journals of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for the *November* Seſſion, 1753, would reveal the fact that while 8,319 £. 13*s.* 11*d.* was the amount of balance in the Treaſury there was actually no specie in the Treaſurer's cuſtody:

"But to ſay that the late Speaker had a great influence in the Houſe of Burgeſſes is not my only crime; I have alſo ſaid 'that ſuſpicions have gone forth, for many years, among the people, that much of this influence was obtained by indirect methods.' This hath raiſed your indignation, which, from the reſpect I owe you for your benevolent intentions to me, I muſt endeavour to remove. By inſpecting Burgeſſes journals in the November *Seſſion of* 1753, *before the war, it will be found that the balance upon the publick account in the hands of the Treaſurer was* 8,319£. 13*s.* 11*d. Now, although this balance was due from the Treaſurer upon account, there was no ſpecie in the Treaſury; ſo that the greateſt part of the Book of Claims, and the expenſes of that ſeſſion, which did not amount to two-thirds of that ſum, remained unpaid, until money came in upon the ſeveral funds then ariſing; and many of the creditors were forced to receive paper money which was emitted by a ſubſequent Aſſembly and particularly appropriated to the uſe of the war, which was then commenced."*

"From this time a ſuſpicion prevailed that the publick money was miſapplied, and perhaps thoſe ſuſpicions might be increaſed by the conduct of 'Lady Virginia;' *for as that Lady ſtood very high in the opinion of moſt men, her arguments muſt have made a deep impreſſion on thoſe to whom ſhe communicated them to the Speaker's diſadvantage. However, let that be as it will, it is certain theſe ſuſpicions roſe to a great height in* March 1765; *and the holders of the Treaſury notes, whoſe currency determined at that time, were confirmed in them, when, upon applying at the Treaſury for the redemption of thoſe notes, conformable to the direction of the law, and the Governour's advertiſement in the Gazette, the Treaſury was found almoſt totally deficient, and ſcarce able to redeem a ſingle note. Gentlemen ſpoke with great freedom upon this occaſion; they cenſured the Speaker's conduct; they cenſured the Houſe of Burgeſſes; and gave it as their opinion that the Speaker would not have dared to embezzle the public money if he had not obtained an influence in the Houſe by indirect methods. . ."*

A FREEHOLDER.

Reference to the *Journal* referred to under date of *Monday December* 17th 1753, proves this ſtatement to be in conflict with the evidence therein given:

Mr

[1] Virginia Gazette, September 5, 1766.

"Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed to examine the Treaſurer's accounts, had, according to Order, had the ſame under their Conſideration and had examined all the ſeveral Articles, and Vouchers thereof, whereupon it appeared, that the ſaid Accounts are truly ſtated, and that the Ballance of the publick Monies now in the Hands of the Treaſury, amounts to the Sum of 8,319£. 13*s*. 11*d*. Current Money."

This is the only alluſion to this report given in the Journal referred to, and proves concluſively that the conditions ſtated by "*A Freeholder*" in his communication were incorrect, and that he muſt have been in poſſeſſion of ſome knowledge not contained in the report alluded to by him. The reference of the ſame writer to "*Lady Virginia*" is poſſibly an alluſion to *Richard Henry Lee*, ſince that Gentleman moved "that a committee be appointed to inquire into the ſtate of the Treaſury," and it was his reſolution that brought to light the diſcloſure made in *March* 1765.

Another important queſtion which conſtituted an iſſue between the two factions in the Houſe of Burgeſſes, was that of committees appointed for the burning of Treaſury notes. This action reſulted from an act[1] of *March* 1760, which was repeatedly oppoſed upon the floor of the Houſe by friends of the Treaſurer who conſidered it a reflection upon his character.

Referring to this queſtion which was advanced by "*Philautos*" in his communication of *July* 25th, 1766,[2] *Robert Carter Nicholas* replies under date of *September* 5th, as follows:

"*. . . When the firſt burning committee was propoſed, I was preſent; the motion to me was ſudden and unexpected, and therefore I had not ſufficient time to conſider it; the late Gentleman repreſented it as a reflection upon his character; I had ſo high an opinion of his good conduct and ſo little doubt of his complying with the laws relating to the management of the Treaſury, that I voted againſt the motion, and am willing to ſuppoſe, if the Gentleman will permit me, that a majority was influenced by the ſame motives. I was not ſo curious as to obſerve the particular members who voted* pro *or* con, *and did not recollect which ſide of the queſtion was favoured with the Gentleman's voice, until he informed me by his letter; I ought indeed, had I known his capacity for ſearching into the moſt remote and hidden powers of a 'poſſibility', to have ſuppoſed that we were oppoſites; ſince he has favoured us with this piece of intelligence, though I may not be able to 'point out the influence that governed my friend,' yet I muſt take the liberty of ſaying that the reaſon which he had aſſigned ſeems to me but a very indifferent one. When the firſt emiſſion of the Treaſury notes was propoſed, many Gentlemen were alarmed, the expedient being quite new in this country; we were then told that the taxes would every year bring a certain proportion of this money into the Treaſury, where it would ſink of courſe; upon which principle the laws were formed, by which the Treaſurer was expreſſly forbid applying the taxes to any other purpoſe than the redemption of the Treaſury notes; the deſign of propoſing a committee to burn the money, as was fully explained at a ſubſequent ſeſſion, when the act paſſed for deſtroying all the notes redeemable in* 1765, *was to avoid the confuſion and ill conſequences which might ariſe from any accident to the Treaſury either by fire, or otherwiſe, and to ſatiſfy the publick that the notes were actually burnt according to the firſt deſign. . .*"

ROBERT C. NICHOLAS.

Another and exceedingly important point of view concerning *Robinſon's* motive is to the effect that he attempted to inſtitute a loan office. So far as the records of the time ſhow there is little evidence that identifies *Robinſon* with this move, though an attempt was made on *Friday*, *May* 24th 1765, to borrow 240,000£. ſterling. The Journal record in this matter ſets forth clearly the purpoſe of the Colony to borrow 100,000£

[1] Hening, VII, p. 353. [2] Virginia Gazette.

100,000£ ſterling on Bills of Exchange. This money was to be uſed in redeeming all paper money then in circulation, which was to be burned and the new ſeries floated. The Reſolution alſo provided that "140,000£ ſterling be imported in ſpecie, or drawn by Bills of Exchange, to be ſold for ſpecie (as ſhall be found moſt convenient) and depoſited as a ſtock whereon to circulate bank notes." It likewiſe provided for a reduction of the principal at the end of four years, a ſecond reduction after nine years, and annual reductions thereafter until the whole loan had been paid:

Mr *Attorney* reported, according to Order, that the Committee of the whole Houſe had, according to Order, taken into their conſideration the State of the Colony, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to as follows:

Reſolved, That in Order to call in the Paper Money, and ſubſtitute another circulating Caſh in this Colony, Propoſals be made to the Merchants or others in *Great Britain* for borrowing of them the Sum of 240,000 pounds ſterling, at an Intereſt of five Cent *per Annum*.

Reſolved, That in Order to pay the annual Intereſt, and ſink the Principal in Proportions of not leſs than 20,000 pounds ſterling, a tax or duty of ten Shillings Sterling per Hogſhead to be laid on all tobacco exported from *October* 1ſt 1766, to *October* 1ſt 1775 and a Tax or Duty of ſix Shillings Sterling per Hogſhead on all tobacco exported from *October* 1ſt 1775, to *October* 1ſt 1795, to be collected by the Naval Officers here and remitted to Truſtees to be choſen in *Great Britain*, to anſwer ſuch payments, this Fund to be mortgaged to the Lenders, and the publick Faith engaged to make good any Deficiencies that may happen herein.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Tax or Duty to be redeemable by the payment of other money remitted to and paid in *Great Britain*, which may ariſe from the receipt of Intereſt annually, and proportions of Principal of Money to be lent in this Colony, as hereafter directed.

Reſolved, That for 100,000 pounds ſterling of the Money ſo to be borrowed Bills of Exhange be drawn in ſuch Mode as ſhall be agreed on between the Colony and the Lenders, and therewith all the Paper Money be redeemed and burnt.

Reſolved, That the remaining 140,000 pounds Sterling be imported in Specie, or drawn by Bills of Exchange, to be ſold for Specie (as ſhall be found moſt convenient) and depoſited as a Stock whereon to circulate Bank Notes, to be lent out on permanent Security, at an Intereſt of five *per Centum*, to be paid yearly, a Proportion of the Principal at the end of four Years, another Proportion at the end of five Years, and afterwards by equal payments once in four Years, until the whole be repaid.

Reſolved, That the Tax on Tobacco being the only Security on which the Money can be raiſed, as is ſuppoſed, the ſame is adopted; but being partial and unjuſt, in Reſpect to the People here, in order to repay ſo much thereof as exceeds the preſent Tax on that Commodity, to the Makers, a Tax of three Shillings per Poll annually to be laid from *April* 1767 to *April* 1769, incluſive: and alſo a Tax of three Shillings and Sixpence per Poll annually, from *April* 1770 to *April* 1775 incluſive, and applied to the Purpoſe of ſuch Payment; from which time the Tobacco Tax will be reduced to three Shills Sterling per Hogſhead, inſtead of three Shillings current Money, to the Year 1779, when the Money borrowed in *Great Britain*, and Intereſt, will be paid off, and the Tax to ceaſe.

Reſolved, That on the Commencement of theſe Taxes, the preſent ſubſiſting Taxes on the Poll, Land and Tobacco, and the Inſpection Duty of three Shillings current Money per Hogſhead on Tobacco, ſhall be diſcontinued.

Ordered

Ordered, That Mr *Attorney* do go up to the Council to acquaint them that this Houſe have come to the foregoing Reſolutions, to which they deſire their Concurrence; and further that they deſire a Conference with them on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Reſolutions, and will appoint a certain Number of their Members to meet ſuch as ſhall be appointed by the Council for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Attorney*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Burwell*, Mr *Braxton*, and Mr *Fleming*, be appointed Managers for this Houſe at the ſaid Conference.

On *Tueſday*, *May* 28th following after a Conference with the Council the Attorney General reported that the reſolutions could not be agreed upon. This ended the queſtion for that ſeſſion, though the plan was re-enacted and ſet forth in detail on the 11th day of *April*, 1767. This attempt to effect a loan on the ſame baſis as that condemned by the ſeſſion of 1765 met identically the ſame fate; the Burgeſſes having agreed upon it, yet were unable to convince the Council of its merits.

Concerning the attempt of 1765, *William Wirt Henry* in his "Life of *Patrick Henry*[1]" ſtates that "Mr *Henry* had not been in his ſeat three days before he was called to his feet, by a propoſition that the Colony borrow 240,000 pounds Sterling, to be ſecured and met by a tax on tobacco, of which 100,000 pounds ſterling was to be uſed to redeem the current paper money iſſued to meet the expenſes of the late war, and 140,000 pounds ſterling in loans on permanent ſecurity." This authority quotes *Thomas Jefferſon*,[2] who, he ſtates, heard the debate on the ſubject:

"The gentlemen of this country had, at that time, become deeply involved in that ſtate of indebtment which has ſince ended in ſo general a cruſh of their fortunes. Mr *Robinſon*, the Speaker, was alſo the Treaſurer, an officer always choſen by the Aſſembly. He was an excellent man, liberal, friendly and rich. He had been drawn in to lend, on his own account, great ſums of money to perſons of this deſcription; and eſpecially thoſe who were of the aſſembly. He uſed freely for this purpoſe the public money, confiding for its replacement in his own means, and the ſecurities he had taken on thoſe loans. About this time, however, he became ſenſible that his deficit to the public was become ſo enormous, as that a diſcovery muſt ſoon take place, for as yet the public had no ſuſpicion of it. He deviſed, therefore, with his friends in the aſſembly, a plan for a public loan office, to a certain amount, from which money might be lent on public account, and on good landed ſecurity, to individuals. I find in *Royle's Virginia Gazette* of *May* 17, 1765, this propoſition for a loan office preſented, its advantages detailed, and the plan explained. It ſeems to have been done by a borrowing member, from the feeling with which the motives are expreſſed, and to have been preparatory to the intended motion. The motion for a loan office was accordingly brought forward in the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and had it ſucceeded, the debts due to *Robinſon* on theſe loans would have been tranſferred to the public, and his deficit thus completely covered. This ſtate of things, however, was not yet known: but Mr *Henry* attacked the scheme on other general grounds, in that ſtyle of bold, grand and overwhelming eloquence, for which he became ſo juſtly celebrated afterward. I had been intimate with him from the year 1759–60, and felt an intereſt in what concerned him; and I can never forget a particular exclamation of his in the debate, which electrified his hearers. It had been urged, that, from certain unhappy circumſtances of the colony, men of ſubſtantial property had contracted debts, which, if exacted ſuddenly, muſt ruin them and their families, but with a little indulgence of time, might be paid with eaſe. 'What sir,' exclaimed Mr *Henry*, in animadverting on this, is

[1] Vol. 1, p. 76.

[2] Ford-Writings of Jefferſon, IX, p. 339.

'is it propoſed, then, to reclaim the ſpendthrift from his diſſipation and extravagance by filling his pockets with money?' Theſe expreſſions are indelibly impreſſed on my memory. He laid open with ſo much energy the ſpirit of favoritiſm, on which the propoſition was founded, and the abuſes to which it would lead, that it was cruſhed in its birth. He carried with him all the members of the upper counties, and left a minority compoſed merely of the ariſtocracy of the country. From this time his popularity ſwelled apace; and Mr *Robinſon* dying a year afterward, his deficit was brought to light, and diſcovered the true object of the propoſition."

Examination of the record concerning this attempt to borrow money in *England* diſcloſes that *Thomas Jefferſon's* ſtatement that the propoſition was defeated in the Houſe is not borne out by the facts in the caſe. The Journal of *May* 24th 1765, ſtates that it was reſolved to borrow 240,000 pounds ſterling at an intereſt of five *per cent. per annum;* it further ſtates that the Attorney General was directed to acquaint the Council with the actions of the Houſe in regard to the matter and deſire their concurrence. That the Council did not concur in this reſolution is ſeen by the report made by the Attorney General on *May* 28th following to the effect that the Managers for the Houſe and Council had met in the Conference Chamber and that they could not give their aſſent to the plans of the Houſe.

This intereſting ſubject in connection with *Robinſon's* irregularities ſeems to have been an after-thought, ſince neither the friends not the foes of the Treaſurer alluded to it at the time the matter was under diſcuſſion.

The Aſſembly meeting *Thurſday, November* 6th 1766, Governor *Fauquier* made no reference whatſoever to the Treaſury matters, referring more particularly to important events which had occurred in *Great Britain*. On the following day, however, an order directing that a committee be appointed to examine into the ſtate of the Treaſury was paſſed. This committee was directed to report in full on all matters appertaining to the Treaſury, and Mr *Bland*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Wythe*, Mr *Tabb* and Mr *Francis Lee* or any five of them were to conſtitute a quorum:

"*Ordered, Nemine Contradicente*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Treaſury. That they ſtate an Account of the Treaſury Notes which have been iſſued for the publick Service ſince the End of the Fourth Seſſion of the General Aſſembly, held in the Year 1754, with the Amount of the notes which have been burnt, and thoſe remaining in the Hands of the Treaſurer: That they ſtate an Account of the annual Produce of the ſeveral Taxes, Duties, and Impoſitions, upon Lands, Tithables, Wheel-Carriages, Writs, Ordinary Licenſes, Liquor, Slaves, and Tobacco, which have been paid into the Treaſury ſince the End of the ſaid Seſſion of the General Aſſembly; and the Balances that appear to be due from the ſeveral Collectors of the ſaid Taxes, Duties, and Impoſitions: and alſo that they ſtate an Account of the Money paid to the ſeveral publick Creditors to the Treaſurer for Commiſſions, and to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly for their Salaries, from the Time aforeſaid, diſtinguiſhing upon ſuch Account the Number of Days each Seſſion continued; and that they report the ſame to this Houſe." This committee, after thirty-ſeven days of conſideration of the matter entruſted to them, reported on *Friday, December* 12th as follows:

"Mr *Bland* from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Pulick Treaſury, reported that they had had the ſame under their conſideration, and agreed upon a Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Your *Committee*, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, repaired to the Treaſury Office, deſigning to begin and proſecute their Examination with the

the utmoſt Care and Diligence; but being informed that the Repreſentatives of *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r; late Treaſurer of *Virginia*, were engaged in ſtating his Accounts from the Treaſury Books and Papers, your Committee judged it moſt prudent not to interrupt that neceſſary Work, hoping that the ſaid Accounts, if properly adjuſted, would greatly facilitate their Inquiry.

The *Accounts* being ſtated in ſuch Manner as the Adminiſtrators thought fit, and laid before the Houſe, were by a ſubſequent Order referred to your Committee.

Your *Committee* beg Leave to inform the Houſe that the late Treaſurer's Accounts, ſettled in the late Seſſion of the late General Aſſembly, were brought down to the 10^th^ day of *October*, 1764; but many Errors and Omiſſions having been diſcovered in his Account of the Land and Poll Tax, and the Tax on Wheel Carriages, his Adminiſtrators very properly recurred back to the Month of *April*, in the Year 1755, the Time when the firſt Taxes became payable, and from that Period proceeded to a ſtate the Accounts of his Receipts and Diſburſements to the 24^th^ of *May* laſt, when the preſent Treaſurer came into Office. As to the other Taxes, the Account of them is taken up from the late Settlement.

Your *Committee* has with the utmoſt Preciſion they were able, examined the ſaid Accounts, and compared them with the original Books and Vouchers in the Office, and humbly give it as their Opinion that the ſame are juſtly and fairly ſtated, except a few ſmall Errors, which will be rectified in their future Inquiry, when any other Miſtakes remaining may alſo be diſcovered and properly adjuſted.

It appeared to your *Committee*, by a Certificate of the Committee appointed to burn the Treaſury Notes, that at the Death of *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r; only £8,297. 12. 9 remained in the Treaſury; that £6,079. 7, Part thereof was burnt by the ſaid Committee; and £2,218.5.9, the Balance, was paid to the preſent Treaſurer; ſo that according to the ſaid Accounts as now ſtated, there remains due from the late Treaſurer the following Balances, that is to ſay: On the publick Account £3,388.18.2; for Money received of the Sheriffs for the Land and Poll Tax, Tax on Wheel Carriages, the Inſpectors of Publick Warehouſes for the 2/ Duty on Tobacco, the County Court Clerks for Writs and Ordinary Licenſes, and for the additional Duty on Slaves, £95,827.16. 5; on the Fund appropriated for the *Indian* Trade, £2500; amounting in the whole to £101,716. 14. 7. There appears the following Balances due to the late Treaſurer, on Account of Bills of Exchange, and publick Tobacco, £304. 12. 4; and for Notes bearing Intereſt, £96. 4. 9; amounting in the Whole, to £955. 7. 2; which, being deducted from the above Sum, leaves a Balance due to the Publick of £100,761.7. 5.

Your *Committee* begs Leave further to repreſent to the Houſe that many Sheriffs, Inſpectors, and County Court Clerks, appears greatly in Arrear, ſome of them not having rendered any Accounts for ſeveral Years, and others having made but partial Settlements; that from the Accounts returned to the Treaſury there appears due at this Time from the Sheriffs and Inſpectors a conſiderabe Sum, which your Committee is of Opinion ought to be recovered by the moſt ſpeedy and effectual Methods.

It likewiſe appears, by the ſaid Accounts, that the Country is charged with the late Treaſurer's Commiſſions on the Receipts of ſeveral Sums of Money ariſing from each particular Fund; but whether, under the preſent Circumſtances of the Affairs of the Treaſury, this is juſt or reaſonable, or whether the late Treaſurer's Eſtate ought to be accountable for any and what Intereſt on the ſeveral Sums of Money miſapplied, or made Uſe of by him contrary to Law, is humbly ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

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Your *Committee* would have profecuted their Inquiry into every particular Article, as directed by the Order of the Houſe: This they conceive would have been the moſt likely Means of correcting every Error, doing Juſtice, and giving the deſired Satisfaction to the Publick; but as the ſtating thoſe ſeveral Matters in a proper and diſtinct Manner muſt neceſſarily require more Time than the advanced Seaſon of the Year, and the approaching Adjournment, will admit of, they take the Liberty of recommending to the Houſe that your Committee be allowed to proceed on that Buſineſs during the Receſs of the Aſſembly."

This report of the Committee was immediately followed by a memorial of the adminiſtrators of *John Robinſon's* will, aſking that they be given three years to ſettle the eſtate and deliver to the Colony ſufficient funds to liquidate his indebtedneſs. As the reſult of this petition an Act[1] was paſſed which authoriſed *Peter Randolph*, *Edmund Pendleton*, and *Peter Lyons*, Mr *Robinſon's* adminiſtrators to ſell "ſuch parts of his real or perſonal eſtate as to them ſhall ſeem moſt convenient for the payment of his debts." Proceeding under this Act the adminiſtrators made ſuch returns as were poſſible at the time and continued to report at intervals until 1770.

The *memorial* in queſtion was preſented to the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and the Journal of *December* 12th ſtates that it was "delivered in at the table, where it was read, and is as follows:"

That on examining the Books and Papers of the ſaid *John Robinſon* in their hands, they have diſcovered that the large Balance of £ 100,761. 7. 5., now ſtated and found due from him, as Treaſurer of this Colony, for Taxes received by him, was re-emitted and lent out to ſundry Perſons, from whom the ſame is now due, as his outſtanding Debts amount to the Sum of £ 105,000, of which, however, the Memorialiſts think about the Sum of £ 12,000 will prove deſperate, and be loſt.

That beſides the ſaid outſtanding Debts, the Eſtate of which the ſaid *John Robinſon* died ſeized and poſſeſſed conſiſts of about 4000 Acres of Land, where he lived, in the County of *King* and *Queen*, about 3200 Acres on *Morocoſick*, in that County and *Caroline*, about 6500 Acres in the County of *Spotſylvania*, about 4250 Acres in the County of *Hanover*, 1200 Acres in the County of *King William*, ſome Houſes and Lots in the City of *Williamſburg*, and about 400 Acres of Land in the County of *James City*, all of which Lands may be reaſonably eſtimated at the Value of £ 11,000; beſides which he is intereſted one third Part in ſome Lands and Slaves employed in working a Lead Mine in the County of *Auguſta*, and the Whole of thoſe Lands and Slaves are bound to reimburſe him the Sum of £ 8000. advanced for carrying on the ſaid Works; and is alſo intereſted in one Share in the *Diſmal Swamp*, and ſome Slaves employed in draining the ſame; that he dies poſſeſſed of about 400 Slaves, and a conſiderable perſonal Eſtate.

That the private Debts due from the ſaid *John Robinſon*, as far as the Memorialiſts have hitherto been informed, amount to about £ 3500, and his Engagements, as Security for others, to about £ 20,000, of which they believe his Eſtate muſt pay and ſuſtain the Loſs of a conſiderable Sum, which they cannot point out with Preciſion, as it depends on unforeſeen Events.

From this View of the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Robinſon*, and the ſeveral Bonds which have been laid before this Houſe, as given by him for the due and faithful Execution of his Office of Treaſurer, in which good and ſufficient Security appears to have been given, in Penalties to the Amount of £ 190,000, your Memorialiſts preſume it will appear that the Publick have ſufficient Security ultimately to make good any Deficiency in the Treaſury; and

[1] Hening, Vol. 8, p. 272.

and they beg leave to aſſure the Houſe that they will uſe their beſt Endeavours to raiſe the Balance due to the Colony, with all imaginable Expedition: But from the diſtreſſed Situation of the Country, and the great Scarcity of Money among us, they are too apprehenſive they cannot effect the ſame ſo ſoon as the Nature of the Caſe requires; and that ſhould they, in Order to that End, uſe rigorous Meaſures to enforce haſty and precipitate Sales of the Eſtate of the Debtors, and alſo ſell in that Manner the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Robinſon*, they are humbly of Opinion that ſuch Steps, at the ſame Time that it muſt involve many Families in Ruin, would be ſo far from anſwering the End which might be expected that it would be the Means of defeating it, as Eſtates ſold in that Manner and under ſuch Circumſtances, might not raiſe near the Balance due to the Publick, though greatly exceeding it in their real Value.

That your *Memorialiſts* hope they ſhall be able, without introducing thoſe Miſchiefs, to collect and pay into the Treaſury annually, in each of the three ſucceeding Years one third Part of the ſaid Balance, ſo as to effect the Payment of the whole by *October* 1769, the Time appointed for the final Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, in Caſe the Houſe ſhall approve thereof, as the beſt Means that can be adopted in this unlucky ſituation of Things.

Your *Memorialiſts* further beg Leave to repreſent that the ſaid *John Robinſon* in Order to ſecure the Repayment of ſundry Sums of Money by him lent, at ſome Time really purchaſed Lands and Slaves, and had Poſſeſſion thereof, and in other Inſtances took abſolute Conveyances of Lands and Slaves, without any Clauſe of Redemption, although the ſame was intended only as Security, and the Donors remained in Poſſeſſion. That if, as is probable, it ſhould be neceſſary to ſell any Part of the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Robinſon* for Payment of theſe Debts, as the Son and Heir of the ſaid *John Robinſon* is an Infant, the Memorialiſts will be obliged, in a regular Courſe of Adminiſtration, to ſell firſt the perſonal Eſtate, and then the Slaves; by which Means not only the whole Lands will be left a Burthen upon the Heir, but among them will be included ſeveral detached Tracts, which ought to be conſidered only as pledged for Money, though abſolutely conveyed as before mentioned, and ſhould be turned into Money to pay the Debts.

They therefore ſubmit this their Memorial to the moſt ſerious Conſideration of the Houſe, and humbly hope their Propoſal will be accepted of, as to the Mode and Time of raiſing the Balance due to the Publick; and that an Act may paſs to enable them to ſell ſuch Parts of the real and perſonal Eſtate of the ſaid *John Robinſon* as to them ſhall ſeem neceſſary, and moſt convenient for his Creditors and Family."

The Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Public Treaſury, after reporting on *December* 12th the reſult of their reſearches, aſked that they be permitted to continue the inveſtigation during the receſs of the Aſſembly. This being ordered, the Committee met from time to time during the Summer and Fall of 1766 and Spring following, and delivered their report on *Thurſday, April* 9th 1767. In this report an account of the Treaſury notes, which were iſſued for public ſervice ſince 1754, are referred to, and it is ſtated that £ 539,962. 10*s*. was the amount of the output during that period. He further ſtates that over £ 396,000 had been burnt by the Committee appointed for that purpoſe, and the notes found in the Treaſury at the time amounted to £ 7,043. 9 *s*. 8 *d*. Additional errors were alſo noted as having been found, which would make the amount due by the Treaſurer to the Colony £ 102,572. 18*s*. 9*d*. This indebtedneſs, the adminiſtrators of *John Robinſon's* eſtate, reduced £553. 7*s*. 4*d*., leaving a balance due at the time the report was made of £ 102,019. 5*s*. 7*d*. The report of this committee, which is embodied in the records of the ſeſſion of 1767, is herewith given:

Mr

"Mr *Bland*, from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the publick Treafury, reported, that they had had the fame under their further Conſideration, and had agreed upon the following Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Your *Committee*, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, have ſtated an Account of the Treaſury Notes, which have been iſſued for the public Service, ſince the End of the fourth Seſſion of the General Aſſembly held in the Year 1754, with the Amount of the notes which have been burnt, and thoſe remaining in the Hands of the Treaſurer, whereby it appears that the ſum of £ 539,962.10 hath been iſſued in Treaſury Notes, ſince their firſt Emiſſion, for public Services: That Notes to the Amount of £ 326,191. 18. 2 have been burnt by the Committees appointed by Acts of Aſſembly for the Purpoſe: That the Notes found in the Treaſury, being carefully examined and counted by your Committee amounted to £ 7,043. 9. 8, of which they have burnt and deſtroyed £ 2,225. 3, being old Notes, whoſe Circulation is determined: That there now remains a Balance of £ 4,818. 6. 8 in the Hands of the Treaſurer, to be applied towards the Redemption of the Old Notes now in Circulation; ſo that the Notes now in Circulation amount to £ 206,727. 2. 2.

Your *Committee* then proceeded to examine into the Errors and Miſtakes committed in the late Treaſurer's Accounts, as mentioned in their former Report, and have ſtated an Account thereof, by which a further Balance of £ 1,811. 1. 4 appears to be due, which added to the Balance of the former Account, would make the Debt at this Time due to the Public, from the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; £ 102,572. 18.9; but his Adminiſtrators having paid into the Treaſury, ſince the Settlement of the former Account, £ 553. 7. 4, there remains now a Balance of £ 102, 019. 5. 7 due to the Public, from the ſaid Eſtate.

Your *Committee* beg Leave to inform the Houſe, that the Difference between the former and preſent Balance, as ſtated in the ſaid Accounts, chiefly ariſes from ſundry Sums of Money paid to the late Treaſurer by the public Collectors, and not credited, for which Receipts have been produced: And as many other Miſtakes of this Sort may hereafter be diſcovered, your Committee cannot determine what the exact Balance, due from the late Treaſurer, may be."

On *Saturday*, *April* 11th 1767 the Aſſembly paſſed "An Act[1] to empower the adminiſtrators of the eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſquire, deceaſed, to ſell ſuch parts of his real or perſonal eſtates as to them ſhall ſeem moſt convenient for the payment of his debts." In this act it is ſet forth that during his life-time he poſſeſſed ſundry ſlaves and conſiderable perſonal eſtate, but that at the time of his death was greatly indebted to the Colony. The act further ſtipulates that *Peter Randolph*, *Edmund Pendleton*, and *Peter Lyons*, adminiſtrators of his eſtate, were authorized to ſell and diſpoſe of ſuch of the ſaid lands as were conſidered neceſſary to meet the indebtedneſs to the Colony. This law was carried into effect in part only as ſubſequent acts indicate.

As late as 1769 we find that *Edmund Pendleton* and *Peter Lyons* advertiſed in the *Williamſburg Gazette*, that certain holdings of the late Speaker in the County of *Hanover*, would be ſold during *January* and *February* of the next year. The records of the Aſſembly on the queſtion, however, are ſilent after 1770, though frequent alluſions are found in other channels, indicating the eſtate was ſtill in an unſettled ſtate at the time of the breaking out of the Revolution. In all the arguments advanced concerning the ſettlement of the Treaſurer's affairs, no alluſion ſeems to have been made to the Makers of the notes taken by *Robinſon* as ſecurity for the paper currency re-emitted by him.

Reports

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 272.

Reports, however, ſhow that ſuch notes were found in the Treaſury, having been placed there by *Robinſon* as an evidence of debt.

The only action the Aſſembly ſeems to have taken in the matter is indicated by the various acts paſſed by them, directing that the Treaſurer's eſtate be ſold to meet the indebtedneſs, and that the dower of the widow of the late Treaſurer be reſpected. The unuſual method followed by the Colony of proceeding againſt the eſtate of the Treaſurer in this matter, when the notes of all parties who were benefited by the loans were amply ſufficient to liquidate the indebtedneſs, undoubtedly attracted attention at the time. Some Makers of this paper were no doubt proceeded against, but there is no evidence to warant the belief that ſuch notes were all ſettled. An examination of the "*Gazette*" of 1766, reveals the fact that an unuſual amount of property was advertiſed for ſale, but few of theſe notices indicate that the ſale was ordered by the Adminiſtrators of *Robinſon's* will.

Up to the time of the death of Treaſurer *Robinſon* there was no penalty for miſapplication of Public Funds. That the Aſſembly conſidered his action a breach of truſt, rather than any indictable offence, is evidenced by the law[1] paſſed in 1766, in which it is nominated that any Treaſurer who "ſhall divert or miſapply any part of the money paid into the Treaſury for the public uſe, contrary to the directions of the Acts of Aſſembly by which the ſame is raiſed; then the ſaid Treaſurer, for ſuch offence, ſhall forfeit his office, and be incapable of any office or any part of truſt whatſoever." It further ſtipulates that any perſon ſo doing is liable to pay an amount equivalent to twice the amount ſo miſapplied. From this it will be ſeen that the opinion of the time did not conſider the Treaſurer an embezzler. It was generally admitted and juſtly ſo, that his action was a breach of truſt, but many condoned the offence upon the ground that the Colony was on the verge of financial ruin. This is one explanation of the affair, and as ſuch is juſtified by the records in the caſe.

The treaty ſigned at Fort *Stanwix*, *November* 5th 1768, reſulted in a lengthy diſpute concerning the right of the *Six Nations* to certain lands now located in South-weſt *Virginia*. The trouble aroſe from the fact that the *Cherokees* ceded to *Great Britain* on *October* 13th 1768, certain lands "lying within the provinces of *South Carolina*, *North Carolina* and *Virginia*," a ſection of which was claimed by the *Six United Nations*.

In a letter of *John Stuart*, Superintendent of *Indian* Affairs to *John Blair*, an account of this treaty which was ſigned at *Hard Labour*, *South Carolina*, is given. In this ſtatement it will be ſeen that the South-weſt boundary of *Virginia* ſhould extend "from that point where the North Line of *North Carolina* interſects the *Cherokee* Hunting Grounds, about thirty-ſix miles Eaſt of *Long Iſland*, in the *Holſton* River, thence extending in a direct courſe North by Eaſt to *Chiſwell's* Mine on the Eaſt bank of the *Kanhawa* River, and thence down that ſtream to its junction with the *Ohio*."[2]

Hard Labour[3] 17th *Oct.* 1768.

Sir,

I have the honor of acquainting you that in obedience to His Majeſty's commands, on the 13th *curr*t *I met at this place all the principal chiefs of the Upper and Lower* Cherokee *Nations, and on the fourteenth, by his Majeſty's Royal Authority concluded a Treaty with ſaid* Indians, *ratifying the ceſſions of land lying within the Provinces of* South Carolina, North Carolina *and* Virginia *by them to His Majeſty and his heirs for ever; and confirming the boundary Line mark'd by the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, according to the ſeveral agreements enter'd into with ſaid* Indians. *The line now ultimately confin'd and ratified by ſaid Treaty was as follows:*

From a place called Towahihie *on the Northern Bank of* Savannah *River, a North* 50 *Degrees Eaſt courſe in a Straight Line to a place called* Dewiſſes *corner*

[1] Hening, VIII. p. 211.

[2] Ramſay's Annals of Tenn. p. 76. [3] Cherokee Papers—Virginia State Library.

corner or Yellow *water, from* Dewiffes *Corner or* Yellow *water a North* 50 *Degrees Eaft Courfe in a Strait line to the Southern Bank of* Reedy *River at a place called* Wanghoe *or* Elm Tree, *where the line behind* S° Carolina *terminates— From a place called* Wanghoe Elm Tree *on the Southern Bank of* Reedy *River a North Courfe in a ftrait line to a mountain called* Tryon *Mountain, where the great ridge of mountains becomes impervious. From* Tryon *Mountain in a ftraight line to* Chifwell's *Mine on the Eaftern Bank of the* Great Conhoway *River about a N. B. E. courfe and from Colonel* Chifwell's *Mine on the Eaftern Bank of the* Great Conhoway *with the* Ohio. *As foon as poffible after my return to* Charles Town I *fhall fend you extracts of my conference and an authentick Copy of the above-mentioned Treaty, concluded with faid Chiefs. I acquainted the Chiefs that I expected their Deputies would fet out immediately from this place with any Deputy to meet your Commiffioners at Colonel* Chifwell's *Mine, in order to finifh marking the Boundary Line as agreed upon; but they objected and defired that fervice might be deferred till the fpring of next year; the reafons they urged for this delay are as folloes; That when they appointed the* 10th *day of* November *for the time of meeting your commiffioners to proceed upon that very important fervice, they underftood that they had no more to mark than from the mountains, where the line behind* North Carolina *ends, to* Chifwell's *Mine on the* Conhoway, *as they confidered the river from thence to its confluence with the* Ohio *as a natural Boundary; but as the line is to run in a ftrait courfe almoft due North from the Mine to the mouth of the River, the advanced feafon of the year will render that fervice impracticable before the Spring, as the Line now ultimately agreed upon runs through a large extent of mountainous country uninhabited, where in the winter the cold will be extremely intenfe and there will be no fhelter for man or food for horfes at that feafon. Thefe reafons appeared to me fo good and juft that I was obliged to acquiefce in them, and I fend this letter by expreſs to prevent as much as poffible any difappointment that might refult from this alteration. I hope you will receive it in time to prevent your Commiffioners fetting out. The Chiefs have appointed the* 10th *of* May *next for meeting your commiffioners at* Chifwell's *Mine, which I hope will prove agreeable and their reafons for altering their time fatiffactory to you. I reproached the* Cherokees *feverely with the murther of five emigrants from your Province, who were going to the* Miffiffippi, *which was committed in fummer laft. They confeffed it, and faid the perpetrators were a party of* Chilhowie *people, who urged in their own defenfe that their relations had been killed in* Auguſta *County in your Provinfe in* 1765, *for which they had never received any fatiffaction, although repeated promifes had been made, either of putting the guilty perfons to death, or making a compenfation in goods from your province; which they believed becaufe I had confirmed them. That they nevertheleſs were diſſapointed and being tired with the waiting took that fatiffaction which they cou'd not obtain from our juſtices. All the warriors declared that they diſapproved of the action, but that the* Chilhowie *people were authorized by the cuſtom of their country to act as they did, and their plea of never having received any fatiffaction was undeniable, that in any other inſtance nothing shou'd prevent their executing ſtrict juſtice on offenders according to Treaties. It is not only extremely diſagreeable to myſelf but very detrimental to his Majeſty's ſervice to be obliged to fail in any promiſe I make to* Indians. *The compenſation of* 500 Indian *dreſſed Deerſkins value in goods for every perſon murdered, which on the faith of Governor* Fauquier's *ſeparated letters I engaged they ſhould receive early in the ſpring, was extremely moderate, and this you will acknowledge if you compare it with the ſum expended by the Province of* Pennſylvania *on a late ſimilar occaſion: and I muſt confeſs that this diſappointment will render me extremely cautious in making promiſes on any future occaſion.*

I

I am to meet the chiefs of the Upper and Lower Creek Nations at Silver Bluff *on* Savannah *River on the* 1st November *to ratify the ceſſions to His Majeſty and the two* Floridas *and* Georgia, *and expect to be at* Charles Town *by the time the bearer can return there. I have the honor of being very reſpectfully, Sir,*

Your moſt obedient and very humble ſervant,

JOHN STUART.

P. S. I have agreed to pay the bearer Samuel Stainacre *22 piſtoles.*

This treaty being cloſely followed by that of *Fort Stanwix* on *November* 5th 1768, gave immediate riſe as to the ownerſhip of a ſection of the land acquired by *Virginia* from the *Cherokees*. The *Six Nations* maintained that it was theirs by the right of conqueſt, and that a few years before they ſent a deputation into the *Cherokee* County informing them of their claim.[1] This deed which bears the date of *November* 5th 1768, ſtates that the territory of *Six Nations* extended South to the *Cherokee* River and that the ſaid *Indians* had undoubted right "to the country as far South as that point." It further conveyed not only the lands lying within *Virginia*, but alſo a vaſt territory which extended from the River *Ohio* as far Eaſt as the *Delaware* River:

Deed[2] Signed by the Six Nations at Fort Stanwix. November 5th. 1768.

TO ALL to whom theſe preſents ſhall come or may concern. WE the *Sachems* and Chiefs of the *Six United Nations* and of the *Shawaneſe*, *Delawares*, *Mingoes*, of *Ohio*, and other dependent Tribes on behalf of ourſelves and the reſt of our ſeveral Nations, the Chiefs and Warriors of whom are now here convened by Sir *William Johnſon* Baronet his Majeſty's Superintendent of our affairs ſend greeting. *Whereas*, his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to propoſe to us in the year 1765 that a boundary line ſhould be fixed between the *Engliſh* and us, to aſcertain and eſtabliſh our limits, and prevent thoſe intruſions and encroachments of which we had ſo long and loudly complained, and to put a ſtop to the many fraudulent advantages which had been ſo often taken of us in land affairs, which boundary appearing to us as a wiſe and good meaſure we did then agree to a part of a Line and promiſed to ſettle the whole finally, whenſoever Sir *William Johnſon* ſhould be fully empowered to treat with us for that purpoſe. And *whereas*, his ſaid Majeſty has at length given Sir *William Johnſon* orders, Sir *William Johnſon* has convened the Chiefs and Warriors of our reſpective nations, who are the true and abſolute proprietors of the lands in queſtion, and who are here now to a very conſiderable number, and *whereas*, many uneaſineſſes and doubts have ariſen amongſt us, which have given riſe to an apprehenſion that the Line may not be ſtrictly obſerved on the part of the *Engliſh*, in which caſe matters may be worſe than before, which apprehenſion together with the dependant ſtate of ſome of our tribes and other circumſtances, which retarded the ſettlement and became the ſubject of ſome debate, Sir *William Johnſon* has at length ſo far ſatiſfied us upon, as to induce us to come to an agreement concerning the Line, which is now brought to concluſion, the whole being fully explained to us in a large aſſembly of our people before Sir *William Johnſon* and in the preſence of his Excellency the Governor of *New Jerſey*, the Commiſſioners for the provinces of *Virginia* and *Pennſylvania*, and ſundry other gentlemen, by which line ſo agreed upon, a conſiderable tract of country along ſeveral provinces is by us ceded to His ſaid Majeſty, which we are induced to and do hereby ratify and confirm to His ſaid Majeſty from the expectation and confidence we place in his royal goodneſs, that he will graciouſly comply with our humble requeſts as the ſame is expreſſed in a Speech of the ſeveral nations addreſſed to his Majeſty Thro' Sir *William Johnſon* on *Tueſday* the firſt day of the preſent

[1] Calendar of Virginia State Papers, Vol. I, p. 276.

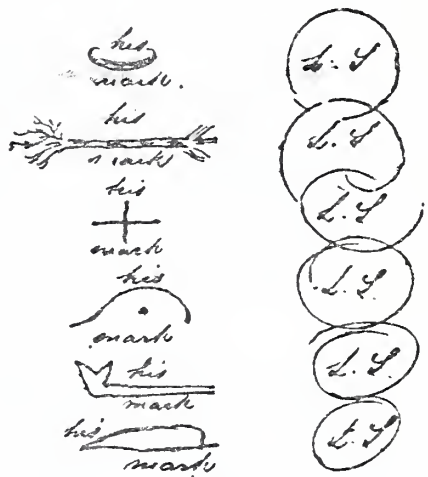
[2] Cherokee Papers—Virginia State Library.

preſent month of *November*, wherein we have declared our expectations of the continuance of his Majeſty's favor, and our deſire that our ancient engagements be obſerved and our affairs attended to, by the officer who has the management thereof, enabling him to diſcharge all theſe matters properly for our intereſt. That the lands occupied by the *Mohawks* around their villages, as well as by any other Nation effected by this our ceſſion, may effectually remain to them and to their poſterity, and that any engagements regarding Property which they may be now under, may be proſecuted and our preſent grants deemed valid on our parts with the ſeveral other humble requeſts contained in our ſaid ſpeech. And *whereas*, at the ſettling of the ſaid line it appeared that the Line deſcribed by his Majeſty's order was not extended to the Northward of *Oſwegy*, or the Southward of *Great Kanhawa* River, we have agreed to and continued the line to the Northward, on a ſuppoſition that it was omitted by reaſon of our not having come to any determination concerning its courſe at the Congreſs held in 1765 and in as much as the line to the Northward became the moſt neceſſary of any for preventing encroachments at our very towns and reſidences, and we have given this line more favorably to *Pennſylvania* for the reaſons and conſiderations mentioned in the Treaty. We have likewiſe continued it South to *Cherokee* River, becauſe the ſame is and we do declare it to be our true bounds with the *Southern Indians*, and that we have an undoubted right to the country as far South as that River; which makes our ceſſion to his Majeſty much more advantageous than that propoſed. Now therefore know ye that we the *Sachems* and Chiefs afore-mentioned, native *Indians* and Proprietors of the Lands hereinafter deſcribed, for and in behalf of ourſelves and the whole of our confederacy for the conſideration herein before mentioned, and alſo for and in conſideration of a valuable preſent of the ſeveral articles in uſe and among *Indians*, which together with a large ſum of money amount in the whole to the ſum of Ten thouſand four hundred and ſixty pounds ſeven ſhillings and three pence ſterling to us now delivered and paid by Sir *William Johnſon* Baronet His Majeſty's ſole agent and Superintendent of *Indian* affairs for the Northern Department of *America* in the name and on behalf of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of *God* of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, the receipts whereof we do hereby acknowledge, we the ſaid *Indians* have for us our heirs and ſucceſſors granted bargained ſold releaſed and confirmed and by theſe preſents do grant bargain ſell releaſe and confirm into our ſaid ſovereign Lord King *George* the Third at that Tract of land ſituate in *North America* at the Back of the *Britiſh* Settlements, bounded by a line which we have now agreed upon, and do hereby eſtabliſh as the boundary between us and the Britiſh colonies in *America* Beginning at the mouth of the *Cherokee* or *Hogohee* River where it emptys into the River *Ohio* and running from thence upward along the South ſide of the ſaid River to *Kittanning* which is above Fort *Pitt*, from thence by a direct line to the neareſt fork of the Weſt Branch of *Suſquehannah*, thence thro' the *Alleghany* Mountains along the South ſide of the ſaid Weſt Branch till it comes oppoſite to the Mouth of a Creek call'd *Tiadgton*, thence acroſs the Weſt Branch and along the South Side of that Creek and along the North Side of *Burnetts Hills* to a creek called *Awandre*, thence down the ſame to the Eaſt Branch of *Suſquehannah*, and acroſs the ſame, and up to the Eaſtſide of that River to *Oſwegy* from thence Eaſt to *Delaware* River, and up that River to oppoſite where *Tianadhera* falls into *Suſquehannah*, thence to *Tianaderha* and up the Weſt ſide thereof, and the Weſt ſide of its Weſt Branch to the head thereof, and thence by a direct line to *Canada* Creek where it emptys into the *Wood* Creek at the Weſt end of the carrying place beyond Fort *Stanwix*, and extended Eaſtward from every part of the ſaid line as far as the lands formally purchaſed

purchaſed, ſo as to comprehend the whole of the lands between the ſaid Line and the purchaſe lands or Settlements, except what is within the province of *Pennſylvania*, together with the hereditaments and appurtances to the ſame belonging or appurtaining, in the fulleſt and moſt ample manner, and all the Eſtate, Right, Title, Intereſt, Property, Poſſeſſion, Benefit, Claim, and Demand, either in Law or Equity of each and every of us, in or to the ſame in any part thereof To have and to hold the whole Lands and Premiſes hereby granted, bargained, ſold, releaſed, and confirmed as aforeſaid with the herediments and appurtenances thereunto belonging under the reſervations made in the Treaty, unto our ſaid Sovereign, Lord King *George* the Third his heirs and ſucceſſors, to and for his and their own proper uſe and behoof for ever. In witneſs whereof we the Chiefs of the Confederacy have hereunto ſet our Marks and Seals at Fort *Stanwix* the 5th day of *November* 1768 in the ninth year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Signed, ſealed and delivered
in preſence of
William Franklin, Govr N. Jerſey.
Frederick Smith, Chief Juſtice of
N. Jerſey
Thomas Walker, Comnr from Virginia
Richard Peters } of the Council
James Tilghman } of Pennſylv.

Teyanhaſore or Abraham
Conaguieſo
Seſquareſſora
Blunt or Chenughiata
Tegaya
Goſtrave



Thomas Walker and *Andrew Lewis* appointed to repreſent *Virginia* at the *Fort Stanwix* treaty, writing to Governor *Botetourt* under date of *December* 14th, 1768, ſet forth in detail an account of their journey. In this letter it is ſtated that the time appointed for holding a congreſs of the *Cherokees* being ſo near at hand, it was determined that one of the Commiſſioners ſhould proceed at once to *Chiſwell's* Mines, and the other continue his journey to Fort *Stanwix*. This was done as the records indicate; *Walker* being the only Commiſſioner attending the Fort *Stanwix* meeting:

Williamſburg,[1] *Dec.* 14th, 1768.

Right Honourable Sir:

*In obedience to Commiſſions and Inſtructions by us received from the Hon*ble John Blair *Eſq*r *Preſident of* Virginia, *we begin our Journey to* Shamokin *on the* 16th *day of* July. *When we got there and found that there was no proviſion making for a Congreſs with the* Indns *and that no perſon in that part of* Pennſylvania *had heard that any ſuch thing was intended, we ſent an expreſs to Sir* William Johnſon *His Majtys Superintendent of Indian affairs in the Northern Departmt and continued on the frontiers of* Pennſylvania *in ſuſpence until the* 18th *of* Auguſt *in the evening, when we received a letter from M*r Alexander M^{c}Kee *one of Sir* Wm Johnſon's *Deputy's informing us that a Congreſs was to be opened at Fort* Stanwix *on the* 1st *of* September, *and that we muſt repair to* Johnſon *Hall, where we ſhould receive further information, which we did with all poſſible diſpatch. On our getting to* Johnſon *Hall which was on the* 27th *of* Auguſt, *Sir* William *told us, that the* Indians *would be aſſembled by the* 20th *of* September, *whereupon we waited at a dirty Tavern near the Hall till the* 14th *from thence proceeded to Fort* Stanwix *where we arrived on the* 17th *and waited for the* Indians *till the* 12th *of* October. *The time appointed for holding a Congreſs with the* Cherokees *being then ſo near as the* 25th *of* Oct*r and the diſtance from Fort* Stanwix *about nine hundred miles, it was thought expedient by Sir* William Johnſon *and both of us, that one of us ſhd continue at Fort* Stanwix *and the other attend*

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

attend at Chifwell's *mines; in conſequence whereof one of us immediately ſett off for that quarter. The* Indians *were not convened ſo as to proceed to buſineſs until the 23rd of* October and on the 24th *the Congreſs was opened, in which after much debate and many difficultys, the Six United Nations of* Indians *on the 5th of* Novr *executed a Deed of Ceſſion to His Majty for a large Tract of Country lying weſt of* Virginia, Pennſylvania *and* N. York, *the bounds of which will more fully appear by the map and Deed herewith delivered.*

Sir William Johnſon *for the better ſatiſfaction of your Excellcy, was applied to for permiſſion to take a copy of the Minutes during the Congreſs, which he refuſed alleging that the Miniſtry had ordered that no minutes taken by him ſhould be made public, until they had firſt had copys, but that he would give us certifyed copys of all that was needful for us. As we expected ſome of thoſe minutes might be abſolutely neceſſary for explaining the execution of our office and that Sir* William *might not have leiſure to copy them, the perſon appointed to Act as Clerk to us attended conſtantly at the Council Houſe and while the Council ſat, took minutes which are as near the truth as we could come. After the buſineſs was nearly concluded, Sir* William *was applied to, for the copys promiſes or a letter, both of which he promiſed, but at length found himſelf ſo hurried and fatigued that neither could be had. On parting with him, he promiſed to write and ſend all ſuch copys as he thought neceſſary, and till he does that, we can only give your Lordp a copy of the proceedings procured as above mentioned. We are your Lordp's moſt obedient and very humble ſervents.*

THOMAS WALKER.
ANDW LEWIS.

Upon receipt of this report Governor *Botetourt* immediately iſſued inſtructions to Col. *Lewis* and Dr *Walker*, to proceed with all haſte to the Southern Diſtrict, repreſenting to them the "neceſſity of a freſh plan of operation with reſpect to the boundary to be fixed between the *Cherokee Indians* and His Majeſty's Colony of *Virginia*." The duty of the Commiſſioners, as outlined in the following ſeries of inſtructions, was to convince Mr *Stuart* that the line from *Chifwell's* Mines to the mouth of the *Great Kanhaway*, would contract the limits of the Colony of *Virginia*, and be diſcouraging to thoſe who had ſettled to the Weſtward of the propoſed boundary. It was further ſtated that *Virginia* had not been conſulted as to the line eſtabliſhed by the treaty ſigned at *Hard Larbour*, and that *Cherokees* had no juſt title to the tract of "land lying between the ſuppoſed line and the mouth of the *Cherokee* River." Reference is alſo made to the Fort *Stanwix*, ceſſion in which the *Cherokees* maintained that their line extended as far South as the *Cherokee* River:

Williamſburg,[1] *Dec. 20th* 1768.

Gentlemen:

As it has been the opinion of His Majeſty's Council upon reading and conſidering the papers you have laid before them relative to the Treaty lately held with the ſix Nations at Fort Stanwix, *that you ſhould immediately proceed to Mr* Stuart *Superintendent of the Southern Diſtrict to acquaint him with the reſult thereof, and to repreſent to him the neceſſity of a freſh plan of operation with reſpect to the Boundary to be fixed between the* Cherokee Indians *and His Majeſty's Colony of* Virginia; *it has been thought proper that I ſhould give ſome orders and Inſtructions for the regulation of your conduct in this important affair.*

You will conſider that the principal object of your journey is to convince Mr Stuart *that the Line he propoſes to run from* Chifwell's *Mine to the mouth of the* Great Kanhaway, *will ſo much contract the limits of this Colony, as to make it extremely prejudicial to His Majeſty's Service, as well as injurious to the people who had been encouraged to ſettle to the weſtward of this propoſed Boundary. You will obſerve to him that it appears from one Sir* William Johnſon's *letters to Mr* Preſident Blair, *dated the 23rd of* April *laſt, that he Sir* William *had orders to*

[1] Cherokee Papers – Virginia State Library.

to conſult the Governors upon ſuch points as might affect their ſeveral Provinces, and it is preſumable that M^r Stuart's *orders were agreeable to Sir* William's, *tho' no conſultation with the Governor of this Colony hath been had upon this ſubject, not any opportunity allow'd to* Virginia *to ſhew their ſtrong objections to this very limited Boundary. If* Virginia *had been conſulted upon this Line there wou'd have been an opportunity of ſhewing that the* Cherokees *have no juſt title to the Lands between the ſuppoſed Line and the Mouth of the* Cherokee *River, which in fact were claimed and have been ſold to His Majeſty by the Northern Nations at the late Treaty at* Fort Stanwix. *You will obſerve that what I and the Council have chiefly in view from this Negotiation with M^r* Stuart *is, to get the period of meeting the* Cherokees *upon this buſineſs, ſtill further protracted ſo that we may have time fully to ſtate this whole matter to His Majeſty and His Miniſters, in order to get the Boundary extended to the* Cherokee *River.*

Shou'd M^r Stuart *object that he is not furniſhed with money as* William Johnſon *was, you may aſſure him that it is a part of my plan to implore his Majeſty's miniſters to endeavor to aſſiſt us in that ſame manner, and that I am not without hopes of ſucceſs.*

You are likewiſe to acquaint M^r Stuart *that in conſequence of the promiſe by this Government of 4500 lbs. of dreſſed deer ſkins in goods intended as compenſation for thoſe* Cherokees *who loſt their lives in* Auguſta *County, thoſe goods were actually purchaſed and ſent off to be delivered to them at the Congreſs appointed to be held at* Chiſwell's *Mines in* November *laſt; but that as upon examination ſeveral of them are found to be much damaged and impaired in their value, you are to accept of M^r* Cameron's *propoſal ſignified to M^r* Preſident Blair *in his letter of the 9^th of* June, *and are to have the proper goods to that amount bought of the gentleman who has offered to deliver them at* Tequch, *at an advance which M^r* Cameron *thought reaſonable.*

You are at the ſame time to procure a ſufficient quantity of Wampum for Belts &c. to be given to the Indians. *As I know you to be perfectly acquainted with the buſineſs you are going upon, will trouble you with no further Inſtructions, but refer to your judgment and diſcretion to do the beſt as the occaſion ſhall offer. I have not the leaſt doubt but that you will give me the earlieſt intelligence of your ſucceſs during the courſe of this very material tranſaction. Have the honor to be, Gentlemen*

Your very obedient, Humble Servant
BOTETOURT.

The ſame day in which the inſtructions were iſſued, Lord *Botetourt* wrote to *John Stuart* informing him that Commiſſioners *Lewis* and *Walker*, had reported to him that a certain ſection of the land acquired by the treaty of *Hard Labour* was owned by the *Six Great Nations*, and that the ſaid Commiſſioners had been directed to confer with him perſonally upon the ſubject:

Williamſburg[1], *Dec. 20th, 1768.*

Sir:

Our commiſſioners Colonel Lewis *and D^r* Walker *having informed me, that the line you have marked out in your ſeveral letters as a boundary betwixt the* Cherokees *and* Virginia *will determine a large Tract of land to be their property, which Sir* William Johnſon *has purchaſed of the Northern* Indians *at the late Treaty at Fort* Stanwix; *I have by advice of the Council directed thoſe gentlemen perſonally to confer with you upon that ſubject, that you may if poſſible agree together upon a freſh plan which may ſatiſfy the* Indians *and obſerve to this Colony the lands lately purchaſed as well as thoſe which were ſettled before the late war in conſequence of encouragement from His late Majeſty. I am likewiſe to inform you that upon a report from Colonel* Archibald Cary, *that the goods intended as a compenſation for the murther'd* Indians *are much damaged, it is agreed*

[1] Bancroft Tranſcripts—Library of Congreſs.

agreed to part with them for what we can get, to desire you and Mr Cameron *to purchase others to the value of* 4500 *pounds of dress'd Deerskins, to dispose of them as you shall think best in behalf of this Colony as a satisfaction for the loss of their friends and to say how and where you will be paid.*

I heartily pray that success may attend our joint endeavours, and that we may be able to establish such a boundary, as may be for the interest of all honest men to preserve, but be that as it may, we shall at least have the satisfaction of having exerted our utmost in the cause of our Royal Master and his happy people. I have the honor to be Sir,

Your very obedient humble servant,
BOTETOURT.

Replying to this letter from *Charles Town, S. C.*, under date of *January* 19th, 1769, *John Stuart* states that his ideas concerning the boundary fixed by the treaty at *Hard Labour*, were communicated to Lieutenant-Governor *Fauquier* on various occasions during the years 1766 and 1767. He further states that Governor *Fauquier* refrained from giving him an explicit answer in the matter, but that he could see from the nature of his replies that he was somewhat averse to the measure. As a further evidence of his honest intentions in effecting the treaty, he states that no objections on the part of *Virginia* had been made, and calls attention to *Hillsborough's* letter of the 15th of *April* which authorized him to ratify and confirm the boundary as pointed out in the report of the Lords Commissioners of Trade:

Charles Town,[1] *January* 19th 1769.

My Lord:

On the 11th *current I was honored with your Excellty's letter by Col.* Lewis *and Dr* Walker, *with whom I have fully conferred on your Lordp's proposal of agreeing upon a fresh plan for a New Boundary line behind your Provce.*

In consequence of orders from His Majty, I entered upon a Negotiation with the Cherokee Indians *in the year* 1765 *for ascertaining a Boundary line dividing what lands they proposed Ceding to His Majty in the different provinces within this District, from what they reserved for hunting ground; my ideas upon that subject I fully communicated to Lieut Gov.* Fauquier *in my letters of* 10th Febr, 24th November *and* 17th Decr 1766, 2nd and 19th March *and* 21st July 1767, *in which I sent him copies of the Messages to me from the* Cherokees, *pointing out their claims and the courses of the proposed line, and desiring to be informed of his sentiments and how far the boundary proposed by the* Indians *was agreeable to him and his Council, but that Gentleman, never favoured me with any explicit answer, but in general signified an aversion to the measure.*

It was my duty to represent to His Majtys Ministers the discontent of the Indian *Tribes on account of settlements made on their lands without any cession being obtained from them, at the same time I submitted the steps I had taken and the expectations and proposals of the different* Indians, *and His Majty's orders thereupon were signified to the respective Governors by the Earl of* Shelburne's *circular* letter, *of the* 13th Septr 1766, *and by his Lordp's letters to me of said date, and the* 11th December 1768, *I was directed to proceed to the ascertaining a Boundary line without loss of Time in concert with the Govts of the different provinces; notwithstanding which the Province of* Virginia *never would cooperate with me; or signify, whether or not they approved of the proposed Boundary line, which difficulty I represented in different letters to his Majty's Ministers.*

In April *last, I received Mr* President Blair's *letter of the* 12th March, *covering copies of a Report of the Lords of Trade concerning the boundary lines in both districts, and of the Earl of* Shelburne's *letter to Mr* Fauquier *of* 14th Novr 1767 *pointing out the course of the line and signifying His Majty's orders that it should be compleated: Your Lordp will please to observe, that although I clearly pointed out*

[1] Bancroft Transcripts—Library of Congress.

out the courſe of the propoſed line in my letters of M^r Blair *of 4^th* April *7^th* July *and 19^th* Auguſt *laſt, no objections was ever made to it on the part of your Province:*

In July *laſt, I had the honor of receiving the Earl of* Hillſborough's *letter of 15^th* April, *covering the Lords Commiſſ^rs of Trades Report of 7^th* March, *ſignifying His Maj^ty's Commands to ratify and confirm the Boundary line as pointed out in ſaid Report, expreſſed in the following words: viz^t that the line deſcribed by the Board of Trade ſhall be ratifyed and confirmed in every part, and the Colonies required to enact the moſt effectual laws for preventing all ſettlements beyond ſaid line.*

As your Lord^p has a copy of ſaid Report it is unneceſſary of me to quote the line pointed out in it, it became my duty to pay implicit obedience to His Maj^ty's orders in ratifying and confirming the ſame without variation, which I accordingly did the 14^th of October *laſt by a Solemn Treaty ſigned by all the Chiefs of the* Cherokee *Nation, a copy of which I have now the honor of ſending you.*

By the Earl of Hillſborough's *letter of the 15^th* Sept^r *laſt I am precluded entering into any new Negotiation for Lands with the* Cherokee Indians *without orders for that purpoſe.*

From what I have ſaid, Your Lord^p will ſee whatever inconveniences may reſult either to the province of Virginia *in particular, or to His Maj^ty's Service in general from the Boundary Line as ratified and confirmed by the incloſed Treaty, muſt be imputed to M^r* Fauquier's *diſinclination to conſult or cooperate with me, to conſider the propoſed line and make his objections to it in time; after I had received His Maj^ty's orders to finiſh the matter by Treaty, there was no option left in me, or room for advice; where I have a diſcretional power, I ſhall always pay the greateſt attention to any opinion or advice that I ſhall be honoured with by your Lord^p and your Council, and I hope it appears, that in conducting the buſineſs of the Boundary line I was not deficient in that point with reſpect to M^r* Fauquier.

I now beg leave to aſſure your Lord^p, that I ſhall with great cheerfulneſs reſume a Negotiation for a New line when His Maj^ty ſhall pleaſe to ſignify his pleaſure; in the meantime I ſhall take the proper ſteps to facilitate that buſineſs with the Indians, *and am not without hopes of ſucceſs. I ſhall by the very firſt opportunity ſubmit the matter to the Earl of* Hillſborough *and ſhall think myſelf very happy if I can be inſtrumental in getting ſuch a line eſtabliſhed as may ſatiſfy both parties.*

I cannot help obſerving to your Lord^p that Sir William Johnſon's *having ſuffered the claims of the Northern Nations to extend to the mouth of the* Cherokee *River and up to its ſource ſeems directly contrary to the ſenſe of Govern^t and may poſſibly produce the effects, which Adminiſtration ſeemed ſolicitous to obviate.*

I have already ſubmitted to your Lord^p, in my letter of 7^th ult^o my ſentiments on the ſubject of the preſents intended by your province as a compenſation to the Cherokee, *to which I muſt beg leave to refer you. I have the honour of being with the utmoſt reſpect*

My Lord, Your Excellency's moſt obedient and moſt humble ſervant.

JOHN STUART.

On *February 2^nd*, 1769, the final report concerning the territory in queſtion was received by Governor *Botetourt* from the Commiſſioners, Col. *Lewis* and D^r *Walker*. In this report it is ſet out that the Commiſſioners had viſited Fort *Johnſon* on *January 8^th*, and that Governor *Tryon* had requeſted various *Indian* Chiefs to meet him at that point. On the *13^th* of the ſame month the *Indians* accepting invitation of Governor *Tryon* immediately aſſembled and diſcuſſed the queſtion of the new boundary. They admitted that a number of ſettlers as the reſult of the treaty, were now within the bounds of their country, and expreſſed a willingneſs to agree upon a new boundary. The Commiſſioners

miſſioners further ſtated that it would be to the intereſts of the crown and the inhabitants of *Virginia* to eſtabliſh a boundary line with the *Cherokee* in 36 Degrees and 30 Minutes North Latitude, which boundary had already been marked by proper authority as far as *Steep Rock* Creek, a branch of the *Cherokee* River:

Williamſburg,[1] *Feb.* 2, 1769.

My Lord,

On receiving your Excellency's Inſtructions, we began our journey to Charles Town *in* South Carolina: *on the fifth day of* January *we waited on his Excellency* William Tryon, *Eſq^r at* Brunſwick, *by whom we were kindly received and promiſed all of the aſſiſtance in his power; on the next day we went to Fort* Johnſon *near the mouth of Cape* Fear, *on the* 8^th^ *Governor* Tryon *wrote us that ſome* Cherokee Indians *were at* Brunſwick, Judds Friend *and* Salue *or the young Warrior of* Eſtatoe *were two of them, and that they would that day be at Fort* Johnſon. *His Excellency was kind enough to come with them. On their arrival we informed them that we were going to their father* John Stuart *Eſq^r on buſineſs relative to the intereſt of their nation, and ſhould be glad of their Company, and they readily agreed to go with us. On the* 9^th^ *the veſſell we had engaged was ready to ſail and we embarked with the two* Cherokee *Chiefs, two Squas and an Interpreter. On the eleventh we waited on M^r* Stuart, *delivered'd your Lordſhip's letter and fully informed him of our buſineſs. In anſwer M^r* Stuart *told us that the Boundary between the* Cherokees *and* Virginia *was fully ſettled and ratified in* Great Britain, *and that any propoſal of that kind would be very alarming to them; but after ſome time agreed we might mention it to them; which we did on the thirteenth of* January. *The* Indian *Chiefs appeared much pleaſed and agreed to wait on M^r* Stuart *with us, and in his preſence* Judds Friend *ſpoke as follows:*

"Father, on an invitation from Governor Tryon *we left our country ſome time ſince, as ſoon as he ſaw us he told us of thoſe our two elder Brothers Col.* Lewis *and D^r* Walker *from* Virginia, *who had matters of importance to mention to us that equally concerned our people as well as theirs. This news gave us great joy, and we loſt no time in waiting on them and with great pleaſure took a paſſage with them in order to wait on you, on the buſineſs which ſo much concern'd as well as their People, and to convince you that we liked their talk we now take them by the hand, giving them a hearty welcome and preſent them with this ſtring of Wampum."*

"Father, they tell us that by running the Line lately mentioned as a Boundary between our people and Virginia *a great number of their people would fall within the bounds of our Country, which would greatly diſtreſs thoſe our poor brothers; which is far from our intention; and to convince you that we are on all occaſions willing to teſtify our brotherly affection towards them, we are heartily willing to join in ſuch negotiations as may be thought neceſſary and moſt expedient for fixing a new boundary that may include all thoſe people ſettled on our lands in the bounds of* Virginia, *and we now give them, in the preſence of you our Father a ſtring of Wampum, as an aſſurance thoſe people ſhall remain in peaceable poſſeſſion of thoſe lands until a Treaty is held for fixing a new boundary between them and our people."*

Gives a ſtring of Wampum.

We then delivered the following Talk to the Warriors to be by them communicated to their Nation.

TO THE CHIEFS OF THE CHEROKEES.

"Brothers,

On the 20^th^ *day of* December *laſt being in* Williamſburg *we received inſtructions from Lord* Botetourt *our Governor, a great and good man, whom the Great King* George *has ſent to preſide over his Colony of* Virginia; *directing us to wait on your father* John Stuart *Eſq^r Superintendent of* Indian *Affairs, in order*

[1] Cherokee Papers—Virginia State Library.

order to have a plan agreed on for fixing a new Boundary between your people and his Majeſty's Subjects in the Colony of Virginia. *On our way to this place, to our great joy we met with our good Brother* Judds Friend *and the Warrior of* Eſtatoe, *who with great readineſs took a paſſage with us from Governor* Tryon's *to this place, where we had the happineſs of waiting on your father M^r* Stuart *and with joint application repreſented to him the neceſſity of taking ſuch meaſures as may effectually prevent any miſunderſtandings that might ariſe between his Majeſty's ſubjects of the Colony of* Virginia *and our Brothers the* Cherokees, *until a full Treaty be opened and held for the fixing a new Boundary that may give equal juſtice and ſatiſfaction to the parties concerned, and that His Majeſty's ſubjects now ſettled on the lands between* Chiſwell's *Mines and the* Great Iſland *of* Holſton *River remain in peacable poſſeſſion of ſaid lands until a line is run between them and our good brothers the* Cherokees *who will receive full ſatiſfaction for ſuch lands as your brothers ſhall convey to our great King for the uſe of his ſubjects. Your Father M^r* Stuart's *meſſage to you on this head makes it needleſs for us to ſay any more on the ſubject. He will let you at a proper time, know both the time and place where this great work ſhall be brought into execution. We have the pleaſure to inform you that your two great Warriors now preſent, have heartily concurred with us in every meaſure, and make no doubt of ſuch meaſures giving great ſatiſfaction to the whole Nation."*

Gave a ſtring of Wampum.

Jany. 16^th.

In anſwer to which Judds Friend *and the Warrior of* Eſtatoe *ſpoke as follows:*

"FATHER AND OUR BROTHERS FROM VIRGINIA

"We have heard your Talks which we think very good and ſhall with all convenient ſpeed return to our Nation, and when our Chiefs are aſſembled ſhall lay your talks before them.

"Brothers we are ſorry to have it to ſay that for ſome time bad blood and evil actions prevailed amongſt us, which occaſioned a ſtroke from our elder Brothers but now I have the ſatiſfaction of telling you that our hearts are good and ſtrait, and you may depend on their continuing ſo, and that you may depend the more on what we ſay, we take off thoſe black beads from the end of this ſtring that nothing may remain but what is pure and white. We now put the black beads in your hands, which we call the remains of our evil thoughts and deſire you may now caſt them away that they may never be had in remembrance more.

"Brothers we ſhall with great pleaſure comply with the requeſt that you have made with regard to the Lands you have mentioned and ſhall wait with impatience for a general meeting, that we may have opportunity of convincing our elder Brothers of our friendly diſpoſition towards them by giving up thoſe lands, as they may be of real uſe to them; for to us it is but little or none as we never hunt there, the deer do not live in them mountains, and you in the meantime may depend that your people ſhall enjoy peacable poſſeſſion until we make a title to the Great King.

Brothers, we hope the meaſures now taken will be productive of many advantages to our people as well as yours, who by living ſo much nearer to us will have it in their power to ſupply us with goods, for we are often impoſed on greatly as we have no trade at preſent, but from this Province, and we hope you our Brothers will ſignify to your Governor, who we believe to be that great and good man you mention, our great deſire to have a trade with Virginia; *that after this buſineſs is happily finiſhed which we make no doubt of on the part of our Nations we may enjoy a friendly intercourſe and an advantageous trade with our Brothers the Inhabitants of* Virginia.

"Brothers, we have often joined you in war againſt your enemies and you may always depend on our aſſiſtance on any future occaſion.

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Gives a ſtring of Wampum.

After we had given M^r Stuart *our reaſons for thinking it abſolutely neceſſary that a new boundary ſhould be agreed on, he deſired us to commit thoſe reaſons in writing and ſign them which we did in the following words:*

Sir,

His Excellency the Right Honorable Norborne *de Lord* Botetourt, *Governor in Chief of the Colony of* Virginia *and the Kings Council of that Dominion having ordered us to wait on you and aſſiſt in ſettling a Boundary between that Colony and the* Cherokee Indians. *We beg leave to inform you that the Line propoſed to be marked from* Chiſwell's *Mines to the confluence of the Great* Kanhawa *with the* Ohio, *would be a great diſadvantage to the Crown of* Great Britain *and would injure many ſubjects of* Britain *that now inhabit that part of the Frontier and have in making that ſettlement comply'd with every known rule of Government and the Laws of that Colony.*

Lands were firſt granted on the waters of the Miſſiſſippi *by Sir* William Gooch, *Governor of* Virginia *and the Council about the year* 1766, *in conſequence of inſtructions from* England, *and many familys ſettled on the lands ſo granted. In the year* 1752 *the Legiſlature of* Virginia *paſſed an act entitled "An Act*[1] *to encourage the ſettlers on the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi," *by that act they were exemped from the payment of taxes for ten years. To this Act his late Majeſty of glorious memory gave his aſſent.*

The next year another act was paſſed by which five years indulgence was added, and in that or the ſucceeding year Robert Dinwiddie *Eſq^r Governor of* Virginia *at that time received inſtructions from King* George *the Second to grant lands on thoſe Waters exempt from the payment of the uſual right money, and free from Quit rents, for ten years.*

Under thoſe encouragements was that part of the Colony ſettled, whilſt the inhabitants were ſettling on thoſe lands, the Cherokee Indians *were frequently at their habitations, and never that we or either of us ever heard made the leaſt complaint of our ſettling, or laid any claim to the Lands we ſettled, until* November 1763 *after the King's proclamation iſſued in that year.*

The Six United Nations *did claim the lands that were ſettled on the branches of the Rivers* Kanhawa *and* Mangahaly, *and were paid a proper conſideration for them at* Lancaſter *in* 1744 *when they executed a deed of Ceſſion to his late Majeſty.*

We flatter ourſelves that the above is ſufficient to convince you of the juſtice and legality of making thoſe ſettlements.

The Boundary line that has been propoſed would include many of the inhabitants before mentioned within the limits of the Cherokee *hunting grounds. For all ſuch lands and improvements the juſtice of the Crown would be a ſufficient inducement to make ſome ſatiſfaction to the owners, which would be an expenſe to the Crown, and Injure the Inhabitants much, and totally ruin many of them; and the evil would be increaſed by the loſs of the Quit rents annually paid for thoſe lands, and would alſo give the* Cherokees *a large tract of Country that was never claimed by them, and now is the property of the Crown, as Sir* William Johnſon *actually purchaſed it of the* Six United Nations *of* Indians, *at a very conſiderable expence and took a deed of Ceſſion from them at Fort* Stanwix *near the head of the* Mohocks *River on the 5^th of* November *laſt.*

The intereſts of the Crown and Inhabitants of Virginia *would be moſt ſerved by fixing the Boundary with the* Cherokees *in 3 Degrees* 30 *Minutes North Latitude, that Boundary being already marked by proper authority as far as* Steep Rock *Creek, a branch of the* Cherokee *river and is the proper diviſion between Lord* Granville's *Propriatory and the Dominion of* Virginia, *and includes but a ſmall part of the Lands now claimed by the* Cherokees, *they having often diſclaimed the lands*

[1] Hening, VI, p. 258

lands lying between the Ohio *and a Ridge of Mountains called* Steep Ridge *that divides the waters of* Cumberland *river from thoſe of the* Cherokee *River.*

This boundary will give room to extend our ſettlements for ten or twelve years, will raiſe a conſiderable ſum by the rights, much increaſe the Quit rents, and enable the inhabitants of Virginia *to live without manufacturing ſuch materials as they raiſe.*

AND^w LEWIS.
THOS. WALKER.

This boundary line was finally agreed upon at a treaty ſigned at *Lochabar, S. C.* on the 18th of *October*, 1770. The boundary fixed at this time commenced on the South bank of *Holſton* River, ſix miles Eaſt of *Long Iſland* in ſaid river, and ran thence to the mouth of the Great *Kanhawa*. An account of this treaty is ſet forth in detail in the preface to "Journals of the Houſe of Burgeſſes 1770–1772."

The firſt ſeſſion of 1769 opened with great promiſe, but after a ſhort ſeſſion of ten days was diſſolved by Governor *Fauquier*. From the tenor of the Governor's addreſs at the opening of the ſeſſion, and from the reply of the Burgeſſes there was every indication of perfect harmony, but this proved of ſhort duration. On the firſt day of the meeting the *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe of the receipt of a number of letters from the various Colonies concerning ſundry acts of the *Britiſh* Parliament. Theſe letters were ordered to lie upon the table to be peruſed by the various members of the Houſe, alſo ſuch other communications as had been received by the Committee of correſpondence from 1761 to 1766. The preſence of this correſpondence rekindled the ſpirit which abounded in the Colony at the time of the Reſolutions againſt the Stamp, Act, and created an unreſt which became apparent in the paſſage of a ſet of Reſolves on the 16th of May, 1769.

Maſſachuſetts had paſſed on *Dec.* 30th, 1767, a reſolution in the form of an addreſs to the Miniſtry and a petition to the King, which clearly preſented the rights of the Colonies. *William Wirt Henry* ſpeaking of this criſis ſtates that the raiſing of this queſtion was indeed a critical moment, and "had *Maſſachuſetts* been deſerted, even the ſteady hand of *Samuel Adams* might not have been able to keep her in her courſe, for a deſertion by *Virginia* would have cauſed moſt certainly a deſertion by the other Colonies, which looked for the action of *Virginia* with the greateſt anxiety." A deſertion of *Maſſachuſetts*, therefore, meant much to the Colonies in general, and ſince *Virginia* held the balance of power her action was of the higheſt importance at that time. The Acts of Parliament not only upheld *Great Britain's* right to impoſe taxes upon any Colony, but they were alſo direct attacks upon the jury ſyſtem and property rights. Recognizing this criſis the Burgeſſes did not heſitate for a moment to voice the will of the people, which they conſidered not only a duty but a privilege. On the 16th of *May* the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole and the following reſolutions were adopted without delay:

"*Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente*, That the ſole right of impoſing taxes on the inhabitants of his Majeſty's Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, is now, and ever hath been, legally and conſtitutionally veſted in the Houſe of Burgeſſes, lawfully convened according to the antient and eſtabliſhed Practice, with the Conſent of the Council, and of his Majeſty's, the King of *Great Britain*, or his Governor for the Time being.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to petition their Sovereign for Redreſs of Grievances; and that it is lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majeſty's other Colonies, in dutiful Addreſſes, praying the Royal Interpoſition in Favour of the violated Rights of *America*.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That all Trials for Treaſon, Miſpriſion of Treaſon, or for any Felony or Crime whatſoever, committed and done in this his Majeſty's ſaid Colony and Dominion, by any Perſon or Perſons reſiding therein

therein, ought of Right to be had, and conducted in and before his Majeſty's Courts, held within the ſaid Colony, according to the fixed and known Courſe of Proceeding; and that the ſeizing any Perſon or Perſons reſiding in this Colony, ſuſpected of any Crime whatſoever, committed therein, and ſending ſuch Perſon or Perſons to Places beyond the Sea to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of *Britiſh* Subjects: as thereby the ineſtimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Cicinage, as well as the Liberty of ſummoning and producing Witneſſes on ſuch Trial, will be taken away from the Party accuſed.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That an humble, dutiful, and loyal Addreſs, be preſented to his Majeſty, to aſſure him of our inviolable Attachment to his ſacred Perſon and Government: and to beſeech his Royal Interpoſition, as the Father of all his People, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, to quiet the minds of his loyal Subjects of this Colony, and to avert from them thoſe Dangers and Miſeries which will enſue, from the ſeizing and carrying beyond Sea any Perſon reſiding in *America*, ſuſpected of any Crime whatſoever, to be tried in any other Manner than by the antient and long eſtabliſhed Courſe of Proceeding.

At the time of the paſſage of theſe Reſolutions it was alſo ordered that the Speaker tranſmit copies to the various Colonies, and that the addreſs of the Lords and Commons to the King be printed in the *Virginia Gazette*. This order was carried into effect immediately by the Committee of Correſpondence; a Committee being appointed at the ſame time to report upon the addreſs to the King. The Governor in the meantime having heard of the Reſolves, aſſembled the Burgeſſes on the following day in the Council Chamber, where he acquainted them of the diſpleaſure occaſioned by their act, and maintained that it was his duty to diſſolve them. The Aſſembly was, therefore, accordingly diſſolved at 12 o'clock, noon, on *Wedneſday* 17th of *May* 1769.

"The late Repreſentatives of the people" then judging it neceſſary that ſome action ſhould be taken to relieve their "diſtreſſed ſituation, and for preſerving the true and eſſential intereſts of the Colony, reſolved upon a meeting" and at once repaired to the houſe of Mr *Anthony Hay*, when it was propoſed that ſuch matters as demanded attention might be conſidered. This body according to adjournment, met next day and continued its ſeſſion. The minutes[1] of both meetings, not being included in the regular Journals of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, were ordered by the Burgeſſes to be printed, including the Reſolves adopted by them on the 18th inſt.

Williamsburg

Wednesday. the 17th May. 1769.

"About 12 o'Clock his Excellency the Governor was pleaſed, by his Meſſenger, to command the Attendance of the Houſe of Burgeſſes in the Council Chamber, whereupon, in Obedience to his Lordſhip's Command, the Houſe, with their Speaker, immediately waited upon his Excellency, when he thought fit to diſſolve the General Aſſembly.

The late Repreſentatives of the People then judging it neceſſary that ſome Meaſures ſhould be taken in their diſtreſſed Situation, for preſerving the true and eſſential Intereſts of the Colony, reſolved upon a Meeting for that very ſalutary Purpoſe, and therefore, immediately, with the greateſt Order and Decorum, repaired to the Houſe of Mr *Anthony Hay* in this City, where being aſſembled, it was firſt propoſed, for the more decent and regular Diſcuſſion of ſuch Matters as might be taken into Conſideration, that a Moderator ſhould be appointed, and, on the Queſtion being put, *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq; late Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, was unanimouſly elected.

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[1] Printed Copy in the Virginia State Library.

The true State of the Colony being then opened and fully explained, and it being propoſed that a regular Aſſociation ſhould be formed, a Committee was appointed to prepare the neceſſary and moſt proper Regulations for that Purpoſe, and they were ordered to make their Report to the General Meeting the next Day at 10 o'Clock.

Thursday, May 18.

At a farther Meeting, according to Adjournment, the Committee appointed Yeſterday, made their Report, which being read, ſeriouſly conſidered and approved, was ſigned by a great Number of the principal Gentlemen of the Colony then preſent, and is as follows:

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects, the late Repreſentatives of all the Freeholders of the Colony of *Virginia*, avowing our inviolable and unſhaken Fidelity and Loyalty to our moſt gracious Sovereign, our Affection for all our Fellow Subjects of *Great Britain* proteſting againſt every Act or Thing, which may have the moſt diſtant Tendancy to interrupt, or in any wiſe diſturb his Majeſty's Peace, and the good Order of his Government in this Colony, which we are reſolved, at the Riſque of our Lives and Fortune, to maintain and defend; but at the ſame Time, being deeply affected with the Grievances and Diſtreſſes, with which his Majeſty's *American* Subjects are oppreſſed, and dreading the Evils which threaten the ruin of ourſelves and our Proſperity, by reducing us from a free and happy People to a wretched and miſerable State of Slavery; and having taken into our moſt ſerious Conſideration the preſent State of the Trade of this Colony, and of the *American* Commerce in general, obſerve with Anxiety, that the Debt due to *Great Britain* for Goods imported from thence is very great, and that the Means of paying this Debt, in the preſent Situation of Affairs, are likely to become more and more precarious; that the Difficulties, under which we now labour, are owing to the Reſtrictions, Prohibitions, and ill adviſed Regulations in ſeveral late Acts of Parliament of *Great Britain*, in particular, that the late unconſtitutional Act, impoſing Duties on Tea, Paper, Glaſs, &c. for the ſole Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue in *America*, is injurious to Property, and deſtructive to Liberty, hath a neceſſary Tendency to prevent the Payment of the Debt due from this Colony to *Great Britain*, and is, of Conſequence, ruinous to Trade; that, notwithſtanding the many earneſt Applications already made, there is little Reaſon to expect a Redreſs of thoſe Grievances: Therefore, in Juſtice to ourſelves and our Poſterity, as well as to the Traders of *Great Britain* concerned in the *American* Commerce, we, the Subſcribers, have voluntarily and unanimouſly entered into the following Reſolutions, in Hopes that our Example will induce the good People of this Colony to be frugal in the Uſe and Conſumption of *Britiſh* Manufactures, and that the Merchants and Manufacturers of *Great Britain* may, from Motives of Intereſt, Friendſhip and Juſtice, be engaged to exert themſelves to obtain for us a Redreſs of thoſe Grievances, under which the Trade and Inhabitants of *America* at preſent labour: We do therefore moſt earneſtly recommend this our Aſſociation to the ſerious inhabitants of this Colony, in Hopes, that they will very readily and cordially accede thereto.

Firſt, It is UNANIMOUSLY agreed on and reſolved this 18th day of *May*, 1769, that the Subſcribers, as well by their own Example, as all other legal Ways and Means in their Power, will promote and encourage Induſtry and Frugality, and diſcourage all Manner of Luxury and Extravagance.

Secondly

Secondly, That they will not at any Time hereafter, directly or indirectly import, or cauſe to be imported, any Manner of Goods, Merchandiſe, or Manufactures, which are, or ſhall thereafter be taxed by Act of Parliament, for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue in *America* (except Paper, not exceeding Eight Shillings Sterling per ream, and except ſuch Articles only, as Orders have been already ſent for) nor purchaſe any ſuch after the Firſt Day of *September* next, or any Perſon whatſoever, but that they will always conſider ſuch Taxation, in every Reſpect, as an abſolute Prohibition, and in all future Orders, direct their Correſpondents to ſhip them no Goods whatever, taxed as aforeſaid, except as is above excepted.

Thirdly, That the ſubſcribers will not hereafter, directly or indirectly, import or cauſe to be imported from *Great Britain* or any part of *Europe* (except ſuch Articles of the Produce of Manufacture of *Ireland* as may be immediately and legally brought from thence, and except alſo all ſuch Goods as Orders have been already ſent for) any of the Goods hereinafter enumerated, viz. Spirits, Wine, Cyder, Perry, Beer, Ale, Malt, Barley, Peaſe, Beef, Pork, Fiſh, Butter, Cheeſe, Tallow Candles, Oil, Fruit, Sugar, Pickles, Confectionary, Pewter, Hoes, Axes, Watches, Clocks, Tables, Chairs, Looking Glaſſes, Carriages, Joiner's and Cabinet Work, all Sorts, Upholſtery of all Sorts, Trinkets and Jewelry, Plate and Gold, and Silverſmith's Work of all Sorts, Ribbon and Millinery of all Sorts, Lace of all Sorts, India Goods of all Sorts, except Spices, Silks of all Sorts, except Sewing Silk, Cambrick, Lawn, Muſlin, Gauze, except Boulting Cloths, Callico or Cotton Stuffs of more than Two Shillings per Yard, Linens of more than Ten Shillings per Yard, Woolens, Worſted Stuffs of all Sorts of more than One Shilling and Six Pence per Yard, Broad Cloths of all Kinds at more than Eight Shillings per Yard, Narrow Cloths of all Kinds at more than Three Shillings per Yard, Hats, Stockings (Plaid and Iriſh Hoſe excepted) Shoes and Boots, Saddles, and all Manufactures of Leather and Skins of all Kinds, until the late Acts of Parliament impoſing duties on Tea, Paper, Glaſs, &c. for the Purpoſe of Raiſing a Revenue in *America* are repealed, and that they will not, after the Firſt of *September* next, purchaſe any of the above enumerated Goods of any Perſon whatſoever, unleſs the above mentioned Acts of Parliament are repealed.

Fourthly, That in all Orders, which any of the Subſcribers may hereafter ſend to *Great Britain*, they ſhall, and will expreſſly direct their Correſpondence not to ſhip them any of the before enumerated Goods, until the before mentioned Acts of Parliament are repealed: and if any Goods are ſhipped to them contrary to the Tenor of this Agreement, they will refuſe to take the ſame, or make themſelves chargeable therewith.

Fifthly, That they will not import any Slaves, or purchaſe any imported, after the Firſt day of *November* next, until the ſaid Acts of Parliament are repealed.

Sixthly, That they will not import any wines of any Kind whatever, or purchaſe the ſame from any Perſon whatever, after the Firſt Day of *September* next, except ſuch Wines as are already ordered, until the Acts of Parliament impoſing Duties thereon are repealed.

Seventhly, For the better Preſervation of the Breed of Sheep, That they will not kill, or ſuffer to be killed, any Lambs, that ſhall be weaned before the Firſt Day of *May*, in any Year, nor diſpoſe of ſuch to any Butcher or other Perſon, whom they have reaſon to expect, intends to kill the ſame.

Eighthly, and Laſtly, That theſe Reſolves ſhall be binding on all and each of the Subſcribers, who do hereby each and every Perſon for himſelf, upon his Word and Honour, agree that he will ſtrictly and firmly adhere to

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and abide by every Article in this Agreement, from the Time of his ſigning the ſame, for and during the Continuance of the before mentioned Acts of Parliament, or until a general Meeting of the Subſcribers, after one Month's public Notice, ſhall determine otherwiſe, the ſecond Article of this Agreement ſtill and forever continuing in full Power and Force.

Peyton Randolph,
Robert Carter Nicholas,
Richard Bland,
Archibald Cary,
Richard Henry Lee,
Charles Carter, Lancaſter
George Waſhington,
Carter Braxton,
Severn Eyre,
Richard Randolph,
George Ball,
Thomas Harriſon,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Blair, Jun.
Thomas Maſon,
Joſias Payne, Jun.
Burwell Baſſett,
Richard Anderſon,
James Scott, Jun.
John Green,
Wilſon Miles Cary,
Gabriel Jones,
Willis Riddick,
Thomas Glaſcock,
John Woodſon,
Benjamin Howard,
Iſaac Read,
Fouſhee Tebbs,
Edward Oſborne,
Francis Peyton,
Abraham Hite,
James Wood,
Richard Baker,
Edwin Gray,
Robert Munford, Amelia,
Henry Taylor,
Nathaniel Edwards, Jun.
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Barbour,
Charles Lynch,
James Hamilton,
David Meade,
Southey Simpſon,
Philip Ludwell Grymes,
Patrick Henry, Jun.
Peter Johnſon,
Henry Lee,
Nathaniel Terry,
Thomas Whiting,
Thomas Jefferſon,
Thomas Nelſon, Jun.
James Walker,
John Alexander,
Champion Travis,
John Wilſon, Auguſta,
William Clayton,
Robert Munford, Mecklenburg,
Thomas Bailey,
Thomas Scott,
Lewis Burwell,
John Harmanſon,
Thomas Parramore,
John Donelſon,
Cornelius Thomas,
Thomas Johnſon,
John Lewis, Jun.
William Roane,
William Acrill,
Hartwell Cocke,
Joſeph Cabell,
Alexander Trent,
John Mayo,
David Maſon,
William Macon, Jun.
Hugh Innes,
Bolling Starke,
Robert Bolling,
Paul Carrington,
Thomas Walker,
William Cabell, Jun.
John Talbott,
Richard Lee,
Joſeph Hutchings,
Edward Hack Moſeley, Jun.
John Ackiſs,
James Bridger,
Peter Poythreſs,
Charles Carter, King George,
Richard Starke, Clerk to the Aſſociation.

The Buſineſs being finiſhed, the following TOASTS were drank, and the Gentlemen retired.

The KING,

The QUEEN and ROYAL FAMILY,

His

His Excellency Lord BOTETOURT, and Proſperity to VIRGINIA.

A ſpeedy and laſting Union between *Great Britain* and her Colonies.

The conſtitutional *Britiſh* Liberty in *America*, and all true Patriots, the Supporters thereof.

Duke of RICHMOND.

Earl of SHELBURNE.

Col. BARRE.

The late SPEAKER.

The TREASURER of the Colony.

The FARMER and MONITOR

In compliance with the foregoing Invitation, we do moſt cordially accede and agree to the Aſſociation ſo laudably propoſed: and in Teſtimony thereof have ſubſcribed our Names[1] this Day of 1769.

William Matthis
Jas. Lane
Tho. Gift
Wm. George
George Steadon
Amos Davis
Samuel Tatem
N. Ellzey
Travers Naſh
Iſaac Davis
Daniel Kincheloe
John Terry
Thos Bird
Richard Melton
Wm. Stanhope
Wm. Walrond
Samuel Baker
J. Gwatkin
R^d Milton

The ſecond ſeſſion of 1769 convened on *Tueſday* the 7th of *November*, it being the firſt meeting of the new Aſſembly. In his opening addreſs upon this occaſion, Governor *Botetourt* announced that the King had determined to reconſider the Boundary Line between *Virginia* and the *Cherokees*, which had been agreed upon by the Board of Trade. This deciſion was contrary to the policy of Lord *Hillſborough*, Secretary of the Colonies, who had attempted to divert immigration and confine the ſettlement of the Colony to the Tidewater ſection. The Governor alſo made known to the Aſſembly, the determination of the Home Government to refrain from laying taxes upon *America*, and that it was the purpoſe of Parliament to annul all acts that impoſed a duty upon glaſs, paper and colours. As the reſult of theſe aſſurances a feeling of general ſatiſfaction was created throughout the Colonies, and the Council in reply to the Governor's addreſs, adviſed the repeal of all exiſting Parliamentary taxes. Both branches of the Aſſembly approved the new policy, and expreſſed the higheſt regard for the Governor and an appreciation of the cordial relations thus re-eſtabliſhed.

Foreign relations being amicably ſettled, the Burgeſſes at once took under conſideration matters appertaining to the frontier. Many friendly *Indians* had been murdered and arreſts had been made, but the accuſed in each inſtance were reſcued and given their liberty. This ſituation neceſſitated the appointment of a committee to examine into the matter, and their report was an affirmation of the treaties then in effect, and a vindication of the laws of the Colony againſt crimes. They alſo reported that all treaties with the *Indians* ought to be made by or under the authority of the Government only, and that for any private perſon or perſons to enter into negotiations with them would occaſion the moſt grave and dangerous conſequences. This poſition was ſubſequently maintained by the State of Virginia, againſt any perſon attempting to acquire frontier territory by virtue of treaties which were conſummated in violation of the laws enacted during the Colonial Period.

The queſtion of the Weſtern Boundary was alſo diſcuſſed at length, but was not finally ſettled until 1770. This treaty which was ſigned at *Lochabar, South Carolina*, on the 18th day of *October*, was a diſtinct departure from the policy of Lord *Hillſborough*, who

[1] In the printed minutes of this meeting ſpace is provided for ſignatures of ſubſcribers.

who oppoſed the acquiſition of territory upon the ground that Weſtern ſettlements would divert trade, and neceſſitate the eſtabliſhment of manufacturing induſtries in the Colony. His efforts however were ineffective, and the Boundary Line as determined by the Committee of Inveſtigation, was to begin at the termination of the *North Carolina* line and run due weſt to the *Ohio* River. This included a large part of what is now *Kentucky*, and the committee recommended that lands in this ſection be ſold to actual ſettlers, to the excluſion of perſons of monopoliſtic tendencies. In making this recommendation the object was to encourage immigration, and to defeat the purpoſes of Land Companies that were exceedingly active at that time. An account of this treaty will be found in the preface of the "Journals of the Houſe of Burgeſſes 1770–1772."

The ſtrenuous life of the Aſſembly from the repeal of the Stamp Act to 1770, was not without its ill effects upon the Colony. Legiſlation of vital importance had been deferred from ſeſſion to seſſion, and many acts that had expired during that period had a tendency to weaken the adminiſtration of the Colony. The period was one of trial and tribulation, both financially and from the poſition of general colonial progreſs. Money was exceedingly ſcarce, and it was not an unuſual experience to be unable to ſecure many neceſſities of life. Large property holdings were ſold at greatly reduced prices, and tenants were compelled to ſubſiſt as beſt they could by prolonged and arduous labor. The period was one of ſadneſs and diſtreſs to the maſſes, and as ſuch marks an era of great diſcomfort throughout the Colony. Such conditions, however, were creative of good reſults in ſo far as the development of the ſpirit of determination was concerned. This is apparent in the politics of the time, eſpecially during the half dozen years preceding the Revolution.

The perſonnel of the Burgeſſes remained practically the ſame during that period, except in the ranks of thoſe who oppoſed the Stamp Act reſolutions, and it was this body of men that determined *Virginia's* courſe in the final deſperate ſtruggle. The period with its many privations was diſtinctly important, and the reſolutions of the time that expreſſed ſo clearly the temperament of the people, are unſurpaſſed for character, purpoſe and deciſion.

JOHN PENDLETON KENNEDY.

Richmond, November, 1906.

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Burgeſſes.

Accomack	Thomas Parramore Southey Simpſon
Albemarle	Thomas Walker Edward Carter
Amelia	Thomas Tabb Robert Munford
Amherſt	William Cabell, Jr. Cornelius Thomas
Auguſta	John Wilſon William Preſton
Bedford	John Talbot James Callaway
Brunſwick	William Thornton Frederick Maclin
Buckingham	Joſeph Cabell Samuel Jordan
Caroline	Edmund Pendleton Walker Taliaferro
Charles City	Benjamin Harriſon William Acrill
Charlotte	*Clement Read Paul Carrington
Cheſterfield	Archibald Cary Seth Ward
The College	John Blair
Culpeper	John Field Thomas Slaughter
Cumberland	John Fleming Alexander Trent
Dinwiddie	Robert Bolling John Baniſter
Elizabeth City	George Wythe Wilſon Miles Cary
Eſſex	John Lee Francis Waring
Fairfax	George Waſhington John Weſt
Fauquier	Thomas Harriſon Thomas Marſhall
Frederick	*†Robert Rutherford *†James Wood
Glouceſter	John Page Thomas Whiting
Goochland	John Payne John Bolling
Halifax	Walter Coles Edward Booker
Hampſhire	*†Thomas Rutherford *†James Mercer
Hanover	John Syme Samuel Meredith
Henrico	*Richard Randolph Bowler Cocke, Jr.
Iſle of Wight	Dolphin Drew James Bridger
James City	Lewis Burwell Robert Carter Nicholas
Jameſtown	Edward Ambler
King & Queen	George Brooke Richard Tunſtall
King George	Charles Carter William Robinſon
King William	Carter Braxton Henry Gaines
Lancaſter	Richard Mitchell Charles Carter
Loudoun	Francis Lightfoot Lee James Hamilton
Louiſa	Patrick Henry, Jr. Richard Anderſon
Lunenburg	William Taylor Henry Blagrave
Mecklenburg	Henry Delaney Robert Munford
Middleſex	*John Smith Gawin Corbin
Nanſemond	Lemuel Riddick Willis Riddick
New Kent	Burwell Baſſett William Clayton
Norfolk	Thomas Newton, Jr. *Robert Tucker, Jr.
Norfolk Borough	Joſeph Hutchings
Northampton	John Harmanſon Severn Eyre
Northumberland	Spencer Ball Thomas Gaſkins
Orange	James Walker Zachariah Burnley

*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.
†Writs for election miſcarried *See* page 19.

Prince Edward	Peter LeGrand Nathaniel Venable	Stafford	John Alexander Thomfon Mafon
Prince George	Richard Bland Alexander Bolling	Surry	Hartwell Cocke Thomas Bailey
Princefs Anne	Edward Hack Mofeley Robert Ballard	Suffex	David Mafon John Edmunds
Prince William	Henry Lee Foufhee Tebbs	Warwick	William Harwood William Digges
Richmond	John Woodbridge Landon Carter	Weftmoreland	Richard Henry Lee Richard Lee
Southampton	Jofeph Gray Benjamin Symmons	Williamfburg	Peyton Randolph
Spotfylvania	Benjamin Grymes Fielding Lewis	York	Dudley Digges Thomas Nelfon, Jr.

Changes in the Perfonnel, 1766.

Fairfax	George Wafhington fucceeded George Johnfton
Hanover	Samuel Meredith fucceeded James Littlepage
Jameftown	Edward Ambler fucceeded John Ambler
King and Queen	Richard Tunftall fucceeded John Robinfon

By the Honourable Francis Fauquier, Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the firſt *Tueſday* in *March* next, and *whereas* I find no urgent occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majeſty's name, to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to the laſt *Thurſday* in *May* next; and they are accordingly prorogued to that time.

Given under my hand, and the ſeal of the colony, at *Williamſburg*, this 4th day of *February*, 1766, and in the 6th year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Francis Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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By the Honourable Francis Fauquier. Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the laſt *Thurſday* in this month, and *whereas* I find no urgent occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majeſty's name, to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to the laſt *Thurſday* in *July* next; and they are accordingly prorogued to that time.

Given under my hand, and the ſeal of the colony, at *Williamſburg*, this 6th day of *May*, 1766, in the 6th year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Francis Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

7

By the Honourable Francis Fauquier, Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the laſt *Thurſday* in *July* next, and *whereas* I find no urgent occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majeſty's name, further to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to the firſt *Thurſday* in *September* next; and they are accordingly prorogued to that time.

Given under my hand, and the ſeal of the colony, at *Williamſburg*, this 11th day of *June*, 1766, and in the 6th year of his Majeſty's reign.

Francis Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

8

By the Honourable Francis Fauquier, Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the firſt *Thurſday* in *September* next, and *whereas* I find no urgent occaſion for the ſaid Aſſembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majeſty's name, further to prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to the firſt *Thurſday* in *November* next; at which time their attendance is required at the Capitol, for deſpatch of publick buſineſs.

Given under my hand, and the ſeal of the colony, at *Williamſburg*, this 11th day of *Auguſt*, 1766, and in the 6th year of his Majeſty's reign.

Francis Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

9-10

By the Honourable Francis Fauquier, Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the 1ſt *Thurſday* in *November* next, and his Majeſty's ſervice, and the general intereſt of this colony, render it neceſſary that the ſaid Aſſembly meet as ſoon as poſſible, I have therefore, thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, to iſſue this proclamation, in his Majeſty's name, requiring their attendance at the capitol, in *Williamſburg*, on the day above-mentioned, for the deſpatch of publick buſineſs.

Given under my Hand, and the ſeal of the colony, at *Williamſburg*, this 8th day of *October*, 1766, and in the 6th year of his Majeſty's reign.

Francis Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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Thursday, the 6th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ONE Hundred and One *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

The Governor commands your immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber. The Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to ſay to them:

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

You muſt return again to your Houſe, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

Being returned, Mr *Archibald Cary* put the Houſe in Mind of the Governor's Commands to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker; and did nominate and recommend *Peyton Randolph*, Eſquire, as a Gentleman fully qualified to execute that important Truſt.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* propoſed that Mr *Richard Bland* might be elected Speaker, being a Gentleman who had given undeniable Proofs of his Abilities and Fitneſs for that Office; and the Queſtion being put by the Clerk of the Houſe that the ſaid *Peyton Randolph* be elected Speaker.

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Accordingly he was conducted to the Chair by two Members from whence he made a Speech expreſſing the juſt Senſe he had of the Obligation they laid him under, and returned them his Thanks for the Honour they had conferred on him.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor to acquaint him that this Houſe, in Obedience to his Commands, have made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend to preſent him; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Wythe*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, do wait on him with the ſaid Meſſage.

They accordingly withdrew, and being returned, Mr *Landon Carter* reported that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay he would receive the Speaker immediately.

And accordingly the Houſe went up, with their Speaker Elect and the Governor was pleaſed to expreſs his Approbation of their Choice.

Mr *Speaker* then in Behalf of the Houſe petitioned the Governor that they might enjoy their ancient Rights and Privileges, ſuch as Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemptions from Arreſts, and Protections for their Eſtates; and laſtly, for himſelf, that no Miſtakes of his might be imputed to the Houſe.

To which the Governor anſwered, *That he ſhould take Care to defend them in all their juſt Rights and Privileges.*

Being returned, Mr *Speaker* reported that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and preſented their Speaker; that he was pleaſed to approve of their Choice; and then made a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; which he read, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

Not having any preſſing Occaſion for my meeting you in General Aſſembly before this Time, I have followed the Bent of my own Inclinations, which have always been to create as little Expenſe to the Country and as little Trouble to yourſelves, as the Circumſtances of the Times would permit me.

Since my calling this Aſſembly ſeveral important Events have happened in Great Britain, *in which you are deeply intereſted. All the Papers relating to theſe Matters have been tranſmitted to me by his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and it is my Duty to communicate them all to you without Reſerve. They conſiſt of ſeveral Reſolutions of the Houſe of Commons, and Acts of the Legiſlature, by due Attention to which you will readily collect the undiſguiſed Sentiments of the* Britiſh *Nation relative to her Colonies; Sentiments which are not mere ſpeculative Opinions, but which have operated ſtrongly in your Favour. Your Grievances have been redreſſed, the Act you thought oppreſſive repealed, and every Indulgence in Commerce which you could with Reaſon expect, or even deſire, been granted you. Your Mother Country has on this Occaſion not only acted with her uſual Prudence, but alſo the greateſt Kindneſs and Affection towards you her Children; and as an indulgent Parent has a Right to expect a Return of Duty, Obedience, and Gratitude, from her natural Children, ſhe has a Right to claim the ſame from you, her political Ones. My long contracted Friendſhip for you bids me wiſh, and the Experience I have gained of the Genius of the People over whom I have the Honour to preſide teaches me to expect, that your preſent Conduct will do you Honour at Home, and convince every Enemy to the Crown of* Great Britain *that her Colonies are, and ever will be, her Support, to the utmoſt of their Abilities, againſt the Attacks of the moſt powerful, and will never ſuffer her Empire to be inſulted with Impunity. From the Conſideration of the true and permanent Intereſt of the Colony, I hope, from the Experience I have already had of the Abilities of many Members of this Aſſembly, I expect, and from my Knowledge of your Senſe of Honour and Gratitude I have a Confidence, that you will exert yourſelves to ſhew that your Loyalty to your King, and your Affection to your Mother Country, ought not to be impeached. The Attachment of your Friends in* Great Britain, *who have been ſteady to your Intereſt, will as I have the greateſt Reaſon to believe, depend on the Returns you ſhall now make to the many Acts of Kindneſs which you muſt acknowledge have been ſhewn to you. The Criſis is very great, and if not properly and ſeriouſly attended to may be very alarming. My affection to you obliges me to mention this but my Reliance on you diſpenſes with my dwelling longer on the Subject.*

It is expedient I ſhould alſo recommend to your Conſideration and Humanity a poor unhappy ſet of People who are deprived of their Senſes and wander about the Country, terrifying the Reſt of their Fellow Creatures. A legal Confinement, and proper Proviſion, ought to be appointed for theſe miſerable Objects, who cannot help themſelves. Every civilized Country has an Hoſpital for theſe People, where they are confined, maintained and attended by able Phyſicians, to endeavour to reſtore to them their loſt Reaſon.

Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I have nothing particular to aſk of you, his Majeſty having made no Requiſition from his Colonies; and it is with great pleaſure I can ſay that notwithſtanding the Diſtraction of the Times, and the Ceſſation of Juſtice, no Man's Property has been violated, and no Man has a Claim of Reparation at your Hands.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I ſhall only add to what I have ſaid the recommending to you a cool and conſiderate Reflection on the Circumſtances of the Colony, and of what is expected from you. You never had an Occaſion, and poſſibly may never have another, in which the deliberate Uſe of your Judgment was more neceſſary. To that I truſt, and doubt not but your Reſolutions will convince me, and all Mankind, that I have not truſted in vain.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor the Governor, returning him our Thanks for his Speech to the Council and this Houſe; to aſſure him that we are truly

truly ſenſible of the tender Regard ſhown to the Rights and Liberties of his *Britiſh* Subjects in *America*, by his Majeſty and the Parliament of *Great Britain*, in the Repeal of the Stamp Act, and the ſeveral Laws by them paſſed in Favour of our Trade; that we look on the Proſperity of *Great Britain* to be ſo immediately connected with that of her Colonies we ſhould be wanting in our Duty to the beſt of Kings if we did not take the earlieſt Opportunity of aſſuring him that we are, and always ſhall be, ready to defend him, with our Lives and Fortunes, againſt all his Enemies, in doing which we ſhall purſue the real Intereſt of *Great Britain*, and of courſe that of this Colony; and that we will take the other Matters recommended in his Speech under our moſt ſerious Conſideration.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up the ſaid Addreſs; and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration on *Monday* next.

Mr *Speaker* informed the Houſe that his Honor the Governor had delivered to him the Letters and Papers referred to in his Speech, in Order to be laid before this Houſe; and he delivered them in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters and Papers do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ for the electing a Burgeſs[1] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Hanover*, in the Room of Mr *James Littlepage*, deceaſed; and that Mr *Syme* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Alſo for the County of *King* and *Queen*,[2] in the Room of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr deceaſed: and that Mr *Pendleton* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Alſo for the County of *James City*,[3] in the Room of Mr *Robert Carter Nicholas* who ſince his Election hath accepted of the Office of Treaſurer of this Colony and that Mr *Burwell* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Alſo for the Town of *Jameſtown*,[4] in the Room of Mr *John Ambler* deceaſed; and that Mr *Burwell* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Letter from the Revd Mr *Price*, directed to the Speaker and the Houſe of Burgeſſes, praying that he may be continued Chaplain and that his immediate Attendance may be diſpenſed with on Account of the dangerous Illneſs of his Wife, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr *Price* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend every Morning to read Prayers at 10 o'Clock.

Ordered, That *James Lavie*, *Nathaniel Hix*, and *John Broadrib*, be continued in their reſpective Offices as Door Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

The ſeveral *Petitions* of *Michael M'Carty*, *William Francis*, *William Smith* and *Robert Hyland*, each praying to be appointed a Door Keeper to this Houſe in the Room of *Thomas Francis*, deceaſed, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, in appointing a Door Keeper will proceed by Ballot.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions be put off until To-morrow.

A Letter directed to the Speaker and Houſe of Burgeſſes encloſing a Copy of the Proceedings of the Congreſs or Committee of the ſeveral Colonies that lately met at *New York*, was preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Friday

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1 Samuel Meredith. 2 Richard Tunſtall. 3 Robert Carter Nicholas was re-elected.
4 Edward Ambler.

Friday, the 7th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

TWO abſent *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petitions of *Michael M^cCarty*, *William Francis*, *William Smith*, and *Robert Hyland*, referred to this Day.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Members of the Houſe do reſpectively ſubſcribe the Name of ſuch Petitioner they deſire ſhall be appointed Door Keeper to this Houſe, in the Room of *Thomas Francis*, deceaſed, upon diſtinct Papers, and put them into the Box prepared for their Reception.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the Number of Votes for each Candidate in the ſaid Box, to conſiſt of the following Perſons; M^r *Bland*, M^r *Richard Henry Lee*, M^r *Edmund Pendleton*, M^r *George Wythe*, M^r *Lemuel Riddick*, M^r *Henry*, and M^r *Henry Lee*, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, *Nemine Contradicente*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Treaſury: That they ſtate an Account of the Treaſury Notes which have been iſſued for the publick Service ſince the End of the Fourth Seſſion of the General Aſſembly, held in the Year 1754, with the Amount of the Notes which have been burnt, and thoſe remaining in the Hands of the Treaſurer: That they ſtate an Account of the annual Produce of the ſeveral Taxes, Duties, and Impoſitions, upon Lands, Tithables, Wheel Carriages, Writs, Ordinary Licenſes, Liquors, Slaves, and Tobacco, which have been paid into the Treaſury ſince the End of the ſaid Seſſion of the General Aſſembly; and the Balances that appear to be due from the ſeveral Collectors of the ſaid Taxes, Duties, and Impoſitions: and alſo that they ſtate an Account of the Money paid to the ſeveral publick Creditors to the Treaſurer for Commiſſions, and to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly for their Salaries, from the Time aforeſaid, diſtinguiſhing upon ſuch Accounts the Number of Days each Seſſion continued; and that they report the ſame to this Houſe. And it is referred to M^r *Bland*, M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *Richard Henry Lee*, M^r *Archibald Cary*, M^r *Fleming*, M^r *Henry*, M^r *Blair*, M^r *Carrington*, M^r *Wythe*, M^r *Tabb*, and M^r *Francis Lee*, or any five of them, to prepare and ſtate the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That M^r *Pendleton* have leave to be abſent until *Monday* ſe'nnight.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed of the following Perſons:

M^r *Pendleton*

M^r *Bland*,	M^r *Richard Henry Lee*,
M^r *Landon Carter*,	M^r *Burwell*,
M^r *Lemuel Riddick*,	M^r *Whiting*,
M^r *William Digges*,	M^r *Fleming*,
M^r *Wythe*,	M^r *Waſhington*,
M^r *Benjamin Harriſon*,	M^r *Francis Lee*,
M^r *Dudley Digges*,	M^r *Blair*,
M^r *Page*,	M^r *Charles Carter, Lancaſter*,

M^r *Henry*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine in the firſt Place all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law; and to take into their Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges

Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be appointed of the following Perſons:

Mr *Bland*,

Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Landon Carter*,
Mr *Archibald Cary*,
Mr *William Digges*,
Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*,
Mr *Wythe*,
Mr *Burwell*,
Mr *Whiting*,
Mr *Syme*,
Mr *Henry Lee*,
Mr *Randolph*,
Mr *Henry*,
Mr *Baniſter*,
Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*,
Mr *Edward Carter*,
Mr *Carrington*,
Mr *John Bolling*,
Mr *Moſeley*,
Mr *Lemuel Riddick*,
Mr *Robert Bolling*,
Mr *Francis Lee*,
Mr *Lewis*,
Mr *Charles Carter, King George*,
Mr *Richard Henry Lee*,
Mr *Dudley Digges*,
Mr *Page*,
Mr *Nelſon*,
Mr *Gaines*,
Mr *Waſhington*,
Mr *Baſſett*,
Mr *Thomas Walker*,
Mr *Grymes*,
Mr *Wilſon*,
Mr *Harwood*,
Mr *Braxton*,
Mr *Tabb*,
Mr *Charles Carter, Lancaſter*,
Mr *Alexander Bolling*,
Mr *Thomas Harriſon*,
Mr *William Cabell*,
Mr *Thompſon Maſon*,
Mr *Corbin*,
Mr *Robert Munford, Mecklenburg*,
Mr *Alexander*,

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Propoſitions and Grievances that ſhall come legally certified to this Aſſembly, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and all ſuch Propoſitions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houſe, and by him to the ſaid Committee of Courſe. And the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed of the following Perſons:

Mr *Archibald Cary*,

Mr *Joſeph Gray*,
Mr *Richard Lee*,
Mr *Bridger*,
Mr *Tebbs*,
Mr *Harmanſon*,
Mr *Wilſon*,
Mr *David Maſon*,
Mr *Thornton*,
Mr *Hartwell Cocke*,
Mr *Simmons*,
Mr *Harwood*,
Mr *Thomas Walker*,
Mr *Weſt*,
Mr *Paramore*,
Mr *Hamilton*,
Mr *Willis Riddick*,
Mr *Payne*,
Mr *John Lee*,
Mr *Waring*,
Mr *Ward*,
Mr *Newton*,
Mr *Robert Munford, Amelia*,
Mr *Delany*,
Mr *James Walker*,
Mr *Eyre*,
Mr *Simpſon*,
Mr *Preſton*,
Mr *Robinſon*,

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Publick Claims which ſhall be preſented to the Houſe during this Seſſion, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe, when they ſhall have gone through the ſaid Claims; and all Perſons that have any Claims are to deliver them

them to the Clerk, and he is to deliver the ſame to the ſaid Committee of Courſe. And they are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juſtice be appointed of the following Perſons:

Mr *Richard Henry Lee*,

Mr *Landon Carter*,	Mr *Joſeph Cabell*,
Mr *Wythe*,	Mr *Legrand*,
Mr *Ball*,	Mr *Bailey*,
Mr *William Taylor*,	Mr *Maclin*,
Mr *Drew*,	Mr *Acrill*,
Mr *Edmunds*,	Mr *Taliafero*,
Mr *Thomas*,	Mr *Booker*,
Mr *Weſt*,	Mr *Slaughter*,
Mr *Brook*,	Mr *Clayton*,
Mr *Talbot*,	Mr *Anderſon*,
Mr *Callaway*,	Mr *Venable*,

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take under their Conſideration all Matters relating to Courts of Juſtice, and ſuch other Matters as ſhall from Time to Time be referred to them, and report their Proceedings, and the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed of the following Perſons:

Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*,

Mr *Moſeley*,	Mr *Lewis*,
Mr *Whiting*,	Mr *Lemuel Riddick*,
Mr *Tabb*,	Mr *Blagrave*,
Mr *Hutchings*,	Mr *Marſhall*,
Mr *Simpſon*,	Mr *Newton*,
Mr *Jordan*,	Mr *Trent*,
Mr *Braxton*,	Mr *Gaſkins*,

Mr *Eyre*,

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and take under their Conſideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that ſhall be from Time to Time to them referred, and to report their Proceedings. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved, That eleven of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient Number to make a Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee for Courts of Juſtice do inſpect the Journal of the laſt Seſſion and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and report the ſame to the Houſe; that they do alſo examine what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion, and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring, and report the ſame to the Houſe, with their Opinions which of them are fit to be revived and continued.

Reſolved, That in all Caſes of controverted Elections, to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do by themſelves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time, to be appointed either by the Houſe or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard ſhall be before the Houſe, or the ſaid Committee, deliver to the ſitting Members, or their Agents, Liſts of the Perſons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting Members, giving in the ſaid Liſts the ſeveral Heads of Objection and diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the names of the Voters excepted to; and that the ſitting Members do by themſelves, or their Agents, within the ſame Time, deliver the like Liſts on their Part to the Petitioners, or their Agents.

A *Petition* of *Richard Stark*, praying to be appointed Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Alſo

Alſo a *Petition* of *John Tazewell* and *Bartholomew Dandridge* to the ſame Purpoſe; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read:

Reſolved, That the Houſe will proceed in appointing a Clerk to the ſaid Committee by Ballot.

Ordered, That the ſame Committee appointed to examine into the Box, as to the Petitions of *Michael M'Carty*, *William Francis*, *William Smith*, and *Robert Hyland*, do proceed in the ſame Manner with Reſpect to the foregoing Petitions.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had, according to Order, examined the Ballot Box for appointing Door Keepers, and find the Number of Votes for each Candidate for the Place of Door Keeper to be as follows:

For *Robert Hyland*,	70
For *William Francis*,	16
For *William Smith*,	10
For *Michael M'Carty*,	3

Ordered, That *Robert Hyland* be appointed Door Keeper to this Houſe, in the Room of *Thomas Francis*, deceaſed; and that he give his Attendance accordingly.

A *Petition* of *William Fitzhugh*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Stafford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame as they ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *William Roberts*, for taking up a Runaway, rejected at a former Aſſembly, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order examined the Ballot Box for appointing a Clerk to the Committee of Privileges and Elections and Propoſitions and Grievances, and find the Number of Votes for each Candidate to be as follows:

For Mr *Richard Stark*	70
For Mr *Bartholomew Dandridge*	16
For Mr *John Tazewell*	11

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Stark* be appointed Clerk to the Committees of Privileges and Elections and Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of Mr *Hynd Ruffell*, praying to be appointed Clerk of the Committee of Claims, in the Room of Mr *Miles Cary*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Hynd Ruffell* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

A *Petition* of Mr *Richard Cary*, praying to be appointed Clerk to the Committee of Trade, in the Room of Mr *Hynd Ruffell*, removed to the Committee of Claims.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Bartholomew Dandridge*, and *William Roſe*, to the ſame effect, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the ſaid *William Roſe* be rejected; and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid *Cary* be appointed Clerk to the ſaid Committee.

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the ſaid *Dandridge* be rejected.

A *Petition* of *William Stark*, praying to be appointed the Publick Printer.

Alſo the *Petitions* of *William Rind*, Meſſrs *Purdie* and *Dixon*, and *Robert Miller*, to ſame Purpoſe; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will proceed to the appointing a Printer by Ballot.

Ordered, That the ſame Committee appointed to examine the Box relative to the Appointment of a Door Keeper and a Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections and

and Propoſitions and Grievances, do proceed in the ſame Manner as upon the Petitions aforeſaid.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had, according to Order examined the Ballot Box for appointing a Public Printer, and find the Number of Votes to be as follows:

For *William Rind*,	53
For *William Stark*,	19
For *Robert Miller*,	17
For *Purdie* and *Dixon*,	10

Reſolved, That Mr *William Rind* be appointed the Publick Printer.

Oraered, That the ſaid Reſolve be engroſſed, and that Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *William Weſtmore*, praying that his Salary as Publick Gaoler may be continued, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Saturday, the 8th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of *William Fauntleroy*, praying to be reimburſed ſome Tobacco that he paid for two Runaways taken up that did not belong to him was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims: that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinon thereupon to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That all the Claims for taking up Runaways, ſworn to before a Magiſtrate, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For appointing new Truſtees for the Diſpoſal of the Eſtate of *George Carter*, deceaſed; and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Everard* be appointed Clerk of the Committee of Courts of Juſtice.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe on *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition of *William Weſtmore*, referred to this Day.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims that they do examine into the ſame, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Printer do publiſh the Journals as ſoon as the Proceedings of this Houſe are ſufficient to fill a Sheet.

Mr *Speaker* preſented to the Houſe a Letter, directed to him and the Houſe of Burgeſſes, encloſing a Pamphlet, entitled An Addreſs to the Committee of Correſpondence in *Barbados*; which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the returns of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the Counties of *Hampſhire* and *Frederick*; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to with ſome Amendments as follow:

It appears to this *Committee* that the returns on the ſaid Writs are made in the Words following: For *Hampſhire*, *This Writ did not come to my Hands until the* 12th *Day*

Day of July, *and the Return Day being the 25th of the ſame month, I could not give Notice required by Law; by which Means the Freeholders of my County could not proceed to the Election of two Burgeſſes, as by the ſaid Writ is commanded.*

NATHANIEL KIRKENDALL.

And for the County of *Frederick* in the Words following, to wit: *This Writ did not come to my Hands until the 11th Day of* July, *and the Return Day being the 25th of the ſame Month, I could not give the Notice required by Law; by which Means the Freeholders of my County could not proceed to the Election of two Burgeſſes, as by the ſaid Writ is commanded.*

JACOB HITE, S. F.

And it further appears to this *Committee*, on the Information of the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, that the ſaid Writs were duly made out the Day they bear Teſt, and delivered that Day, or the Day after, to Mr *William Preſton* a Member of this Houſe, who at the Requeſt of the ſaid Clerk promiſed to contrive them in due Time to the reſpective Sheriffs.

It further appears to this *Committee*, from the Depoſition of *Thomas Bowyer*, ſworn to and certified, "That ſome ſhort Time after the *Oyer* Court in *June* 1765, he ſaw the Writs for Election of Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampſhire* delivered to Colo *William Preſton*, and that he travelled up from *Williamſburg* with the ſaid *Preſton*, who was in a travelling Chair, which happened to break on the Road, in *Hanover* County, on which Accident happening to the ſaid *Preſton* he the ſaid *Preſton* deſired the ſaid *Bowyer* to take the ſaid Writs and deliver them to Mr *Gabriel Jones*, who practiſed as an Attorney in *Frederick*, and is Clerk of *Hampſhire* Court, and for this Reaſon was ſuppoſed to be the beſt Perſon for conveying the ſaid Writs to the reſpective Sheriffs: That the ſaid *Bowyer* came directly up to *Staunton*, and after a few Days ſaw the ſaid *Jones*, to whom he offered the ſaid *Writs* to be conveyed as aforeſaid, but he anſwered that he had no Opportunity of conveying them ſpeedily, and that as the ſaid *Bowyer* lived in Town, he might probably find an Opportunity of forwarding them ſooner than the ſaid *Jones;* upon which the ſaid *Bowyer* kept them, and ſent them by the firſt Opportunity that he could find, but is informed they miſcarried: And further, the ſaid *Bowyer* ſaith that the ſaid *Preſton* did not come up further than *Hanover* with the ſaid *Bowyer*, nor did he ſee the ſaid Writs or Packets during the Time they were in his the ſaid *Bowyer's* Cuſtody, but expreſſed a Deſire that the ſaid Writs ſhould be forwarded in due Time to the ſaid Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampſhire*."

It further appears to this *Committee*, from a Certificate of *Gabriel Jones*, that ſome time in *June* 1765 Mr *Thomas Bowyer*, of the Town of *Staunton* offered the ſaid *Jones* two packets, one of which was directed to the Sheriff of *Hampſhire*, and the other to the Sheriff of *Frederick*, acquainting the ſaid *Jones* at the ſame Time that they contained the Writs of Election for the ſaid Counties; which the ſaid *Jones* refuſed to receive, as he did not intend to go to either of the ſaid Counties in that or the following Month, and he knew of no Opportunity of conveying them before.

Reſolved, That the Writs for the Counties of *Hampſhire* and *Frederick* miſcarried by Accident.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order new Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the Counties of *Hampſhire* and *Frederick*, and that Mr *Bland* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A *Petition* of the Juſtices of the County of *Loudoun*, praying to be reimburſed a Sum of Money which they have paid for the reviſed Laws.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday

Monday, the 10th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of *Elijah M^cClanahan*, praying Relief on Account of the Injury he ſuſtained by a Party of *Indians* in the Year 1764, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Correſpondence do lay before this Houſe the Letters from the Agents, and their Proceedings, ſince the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Two abſent Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and Subſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

M^r *Bland*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereon: which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Amherſt*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, *Cumberland*, *Caroline*, *Charlotte*, *Eſſex*, *Fauquier*, *Goochland*, *Glouceſter*, *Hanover*, *Halifax*, *Jameſtown*, *Iſle of Wight*, *Lunenburg*, *Louiſa*, *Lancaſter*, *Mecklenburg*, *New Kent*, *Northampton*, *Orange*, *Prince George*, *Richmond*, *Suſſex*, *Stafford*, *Southampton* and *Surry*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Accomack*, *Auguſta*, *Buckingham*, *Bedford*, *Brunſwick*, *College*, *Culpeper*, *Cheſterfield*, *Charles City*, *Dinwiddie*, *Elizabeth City*, *Fairfax*, *Henrico*, *James City*, *King George*, *King and Queen*, *King William*, *Middleſex*, *Nanſemond*, *Norfolk*, *Norfolk Borough*, *Northampton*, *Princeſs Anne*, *Prince William*, *Prince Edward*, *Spotſylvania*, *Williamſburg*, *Warwick*, *Weſtmoreland*, and *York*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That the Returns of the reſpective Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Accomack*, *Buckingham*, *Bedford*, *Brunſwick*, *College*, *Culpeper*, *Cheſterfield*, *Charles City*, *Dinwiddie*, *Elizabeth City*, *Fairfax*, *Henrico*, *James City*, *King George*, *King and Queen*, *King William*, *Middleſex*, *Nanſemond*, *Norfolk*, *Norfolk* Borough, *Northampton*, *Princeſs Anne*, *Prince William*, *Prince Edward*, *Spotſylvania*, *Warwick*, *Weſtmoreland*, and *York*, be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the City of *Williamſburg*, and Borough of *Norfolk*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of *Auguſta* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to amend his Return.

M^r *Bland* alſo reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of M^r *William Fitzhugh* complaining of an undue Election and Return of M^r *Thomſon Maſon* to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Stafford*, and have come to the following Reſolutions thereon:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Matter of the ſaid Petition be examined into before the Committee on *Wedneſday* the 3^d of *December*.

Reſolved, That as well the Petitioner as the ſitting Member in the mean Time, be at Liberty to examine and take the Depoſitions of ſuch of their Witneſſes reſpectively as are ſick, infirm, or unable to travel, before Col^o *Francis Thornton*, Col^o *Thomas Lee*, Captain *William Bronaugh*, M^r *John Waſhington*, M^r *John Mercer*, and M^r *Bailey Waſhington*, or any four of them, the ſaid Petitioner and ſitting Member giving each other ten Days Notice of the Time and Place of taking the ſame.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That the Petitioner and ſitting Member do deliver to each other or their reſpective Agents a Liſt of ſuch Perſons as are ſick, infirm, or unable to travel, intended to be by them reſpectively objected to, and examined before the ſaid Commiſſioners, giving in the ſaid Liſt the ſeveral Heads of Objection, diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Name of the Voters reſpectively objected to, and alſo deliver to each other, or their reſpective Agents a Liſt of the Voters to be by them reſpectively objected to, and examined before the Committee, giving in the ſaid Liſt the ſeveral Head of Objections, diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Name of the Voters reſpectively objected to.

Ordered, That Mr *Woodbridge* and Mr *Gray* be added to the Committees of Privileges and Elections and Propoſitions and Grievances, and Mr *Weſt* to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances and Claims.

A *Petition* of *Littleton Eyre* and *Severn Eyre*, praying that no ſkippers or Owners of Veſſels may be allowed to carry Paſſengers from the Eaſtern Shore over the Bay to *York*, *Hampton*, or *Norfolk*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Memorial* of *John Henry*, ſetting forth that an accurate Survey of this Colony would be very acceptable to many of its Inhabitants, who would cheerfully contribute to the Expenſe thereof, but that ſuch a Work cannot be undertaken without the Aſſiſtance of the Legiſlature.

That the Advantages ariſing from ſuch an Undertaking are obvious to any who will duly attend to the Nature of ſuch a Work, but the Memorialiſt begs leave to point them out, for the Information of ſuch as have not turned their Thoughts to Subjects of this Kind.

In the firſt Place, as it is propoſed that the Roads ſhould be Meaſured, and the Number of Miles diſtinctly marked, together with all noted Places laid down, it will render travelling very agreeable; and alſo aſcertain the Diſtance Venire Men and Witneſſes travel to the General Court, to the Advantage of the Publick.

In the next Place, as it is propoſed to have all remarkable Shallows, both in the Bay of *Cheſapeak*, and in the navigable Rivers, pointed out, with the Depth of Water upon ſuch, it will render Navigation very ſafe, and conſequently be beneficial to the Trade of the Colony.

In the third Place ſuch a Work will greatly contribute to the Honour of the Colony, as well as to the Intereſt of *Great Britain*, by the more Speedy Settlement of the late Acquiſitions upon this Continent, as the other Colonies will be very apt to follow our Example in making ſuch Surveys; the Conſequence of which will be to induce many Emigrants from *Europe* to come and ſettle the vacant Lands, as upon Inſpection of ſuch Maps they may chooſe ſuch Settlements as may, with Regard to their Latitudes, be moſt agreeable to their Health, or be moſt likely to ſecure Succeſs in that particular Employment to which they have been accuſtomed.

And as *Virginia* is not only the moſt ancient, but the moſt opulent and populous Colony upon this Continent, it well becomes it to ſet an Example to the Reſt, which will make it appear in ſuch a reputable Light to *Great Britain* that very probably the Charge ariſing from ſuch Survey will be reimburſed to a Colony ſo well deſerving ſuch Diſtinction.

Laſtly, it is propoſed that not only Maps of the Colony, but of every particular County, ſhall be neatly printed in *London*, the former five Feet long, and three Feet broad, the latter fifteen Inches by twelve Inches, with the Latitudes and Longitudes accurately laid down, together with the moſt curious and entertaining Obſervations relative to the Country, its Productions, Numbers of Inhabitants, Rarities, Trade, and whatever elſe may be judged proper to be inſerted in the Vacant Places of the ſaid Maps, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr

Mr *Bland* laid before the Houſe, according to Order, the Agent's Letters, and the Proceedings of the Committee of Correſpondence, ſince the laſt Seſſion of the Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech on *Wedneſday* next.

A *Petition* of *Robert Wooding*, praying to be allowed for 11 Days Service, in which he acted on the Frontiers as Lieutenant Colonel, in viewing the Forts and Garriſons, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Perſons appointed, reported that they had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs do lie on the Table.

A *Petition* of *Elizabeth Cook*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from her Land in *Stafford* County, over to the Land of *Clement Kennedy* in *Maryland*.

Alſo a *Petition* of *James Scott*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the ſaid *Kennedy's* to his Land in *Stafford* County; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *Waſhington* do wait on the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, to order new Writs to iſſue for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampſhire*, the ſaid Writs having formerly miſcarried.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*.

Tuesday, the 11th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Memorial* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Richmond* praying that the Right of keeping a Ferry, in the County of *Eſſex*, in *Archibald Ritchie*, from the Town of *Tappahanock* to the Land of *Moore Fantleroy*, may be vacated, and granted to ſome other Perſon who will comply with the Conditions on which the ſaid Ferry was granted to the ſaid *Ritchie*.

Alſo a *Petition* of *John Dix* praying that leave may be given him to keep a publick Ferry from his Land on *Dan* River, in *Halifax* County over to the Land of *Lewis Green* were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof and report the ſame with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To direct the Collector of the Taxes in Arrear from *King George* County for the Year 1765, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Two new *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee immediately, to examine into the State of the Colony.

Accordingly

Accordingly the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair; and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had the State of the Colony under their Conſideration, but not having time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony, To-morrow.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for a Call of the Houſe, be put off until To-mororw.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 12th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of *Fauquier* County, complaining that the Griſt Mills Hedges, and Stops, on *Hedgman* River and *Carter's* Run, prevent the Fiſh from coming up the ſaid River and Run, as they uſually did, and praying Relief, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Addreſs to his Honor the Governor, which was ordered to lie on the Table; and after having made ſeveral Amendments thereto, they paſſed the ſame which is as follows:

Sir,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, return your Honor our ſincere Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.*

As we have ever been truly ſenſible of the tender Regard ſhown by his Majeſty to the Rights and Liberties of his People, every where, we cannot but think we ſhould, at this Time in particular be wanting in our Duty to the beſt of Kings if we did not embrace the Opportunity offered to us by your Honor of gratefully acknowledging that benign Virtue ſo diſtinguiſhable in him, that of protecting the conſtitutional Privileges of his Subjects, even in the moſt diſtant Part of his Realm, the American *Dominions, ſo lately exemplified to us in his Majeſty's gracious Aſſent to the Repeal of that oppreſſive Act; and at the ſame Time declare our conſtant Readineſs to devote our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of his ſacred Perſon, Crown, and Dignity, againſt all his Enemies.*

We are ſo convinced of an immediate Connexion between Great Britain *and the Colonies, that we cannot but wiſh that no future Accident may ever interrupt that Union ſo eſſential to the Well-being of each of them; and as we hope we have Reaſon now to conclude that the Parliament of* Great Britain *(from the Inſtance lately given in the Repeal of the Stamp Act, and the ſeveral Laws paſſed in Favour of the Trade of* North America*) was actuated by the true Principles of Fellow Subjects with us, we cannot but wiſh that the grateful Harmony of an indulgent Parent and dutiful Children may conſtantly ſubſiſt between us.*

The ready Attachment diſcovered in the Friends to America *has ſo ſenſibly ſtruck us that your Honor may be aſſured no proper Acknowledgment ſhall be wanting on our Parts to render ourſelves truly worthy of every Kindneſs which they have confeſſedly ſhown, and we hope every future Conduct will Merit from them a Continuance of ſuch their particular Friendſhip and Regard.*

It is with equal Pleaſure that we join with your Honor in obſerving no Endeavour of the People here (in that Period rendered unhappy by the precarious ſituation that their Liberties were thrown into) did produce the leaſt Violation of Property in this Colony, but we muſt hope that no tacit Conſent to that affecting Circumſtance which produced the Diſtraction of thoſe Times will ever be concluded from that real Prudence which only governed them in the Preſervation of their Rights and Liberties.

Whilſt

Whilſt we are thus diſcharging every Duty of Gratitude recommended to us by your Honor, permit us not to forget the Cordiality and Benevolence which you, Sir, have conſtantly diſcovered to us during your Adminiſtration.

You may be aſſured we ſhall give due Attention to what you have been pleaſed to recommend to us, and that we ſhall endeavour to conduct ourſelves with as much Propriety as poſſible on this critical Juncture.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame do wait on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

A *Petition* of *John Harwood*, ſetting forth that he had ſerved as a Soldier under Colonel *George Waſhington* and was wounded in the firſt Engagement at the *Meadows*, and was alſo wounded in General *Braddock's* Defeat, and then draughted to go to the Northward where the Hardſhips he met with, and his other Infirmities, rendered him incapable of ſupplying himſelf with the common Neceſſaries of Life; and praying Relief, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That *John Tazewell* be appointed Clerk to attend the Committee for ſtating and ſettling the Treaſurer's Accounts, agreeable to the Reſolutions of this Houſe, on the ſecond Day of this Seſſion.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome time ſpent therein Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported that they had had the State of the Colony under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and is as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Offices of Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes and Treaſurer of this Colony ſhall not be united in the ſame Perſon, and that the Speaker ſhall not be concerned as an Officer of the Treaſury in any Manner whatſoever: and the Queſtion being put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ayes, 68.

Noes, 29.

Mr *Blair* alſo informed the Houſe that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony on *Friday* Se'nnight.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech be put off until To-morrow.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off until *Friday* Se'nnight.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To appoint a Treaſurer; and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until the firſt Day of *December*, Mr *Thomas Walker* until this Day Se'nnight, Mr *Maſon* until *Friday* Se'nnight, and Mr *Archibald Cary* until *Tueſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Thurſday

Thurſday, the 13th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of *Baldwin Dade* and *Thomas Bunbury*, Inſpectors at *Boyd's Hole* Warehouſe, ſetting forth that in the Years 1762, 1763, and 1764, the Warehouſes under their Care were broke open and ten Hogſheads of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſame, though the ſaid Warehouſes were well ſecured by them, and praying that the Value of the ſaid Tobacco may be paid them by the Publick, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Commitee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs; and that he was pleaſed to ſay he would receive it To-morrow in the Council Chamber.

A *Petition* of *William Pemberton*, of the County of *Caroline*, ſetting forth that ſome Time in the Month of *Auguſt* 1765 a Negroe Man named *Bob* ran away from him the ſaid *Pemberton*, for which he had the ſaid Slave outlawed, and ſome Time in the Month of *March* laſt he was found dead in the Woods, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Alſo an *Account* of *Alexander Woodrow's* againſt the Colony for Goods he ſupplied the Soldiers with at *Winchester*, ſince the Year 1758.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Jonathan Ware*, praying to be allowed the Sum of four Pounds for the Commitment of Deſerters.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Joſeph Williams*, of *Lunenburg* County, ſetting forth that ſeveral Years ago, as Under Sheriff, he impreſſed a Horſe belonging to one *William Abney*, to convey a Priſoner to the Publick Gaol, which ſaid Horſe died in the Service, and was appraiſed to £7. 10, and his other Expenſes with the ſaid Horſe, amounting to 10s. and praying to be allowed the Sum of eight Pounds; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions and Accounts be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Burnley* be added to the Committee of Claims, Mr *Fleming* and Mr *Ambler* to Propoſitions and Grievance and Mr. *Nicholas* to Privileges and Elections and Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *John Dix*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land on the North ſide of *Dan* River, in *Halifax* County, acroſs the ſaid River to the Land of *Lewis Green*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Freeholders, Proprietors of the low Lands on *Little Roanoke* River, in *Charlotte* County, praying that the owners or Proprietors of Mills erected on the ſaid River may be compelled to diſuſe Gates, and leave Waſte and Tumbling Dams for venting the Water in Time of Freſhes, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in Bills purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for taking the Governor's Speech into Conſideration, be put off until To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Fleming* have Leave to be abſent until *Monday* Se'nnight.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of this Colony and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Nicholas*, and Mr *Bland*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill To veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof *George Carter*, Eſqr. died ſeized in Fee Simple, in certain Truſtees therein named, to be ſold for Performance of his Will; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Charles Carter*, praying that an Act may paſs to empower him to ſell certain Lands whereof he is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Taille, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Robert Munford* of Mecklenburg, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Wythe*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Friday, the 14th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of *Levin Teacle*, ſetting forth that he is ſeized in Fee of a Tract of Land in *Accomack* County, a conſiderable part whereof is low flat Land, and would be very beneficial to him if he could be permitted to drain the ſame by a Ditch, to be cut from his Land to the Head of *Malchapungo* Creek, through the Land of *Samuel Bagg* and *Mary Bradford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker.*

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe that his Honor is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council Chamber.

Mr *Speaker* with the Houſe went up, and being returned reported that he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer:

Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

Your acknowledgment of the Senſe you have ever had of the tender Regard of his Majeſty to all his People, and his Protection of their juſt Rights and Liberties; your Aſſurances of devoting your Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of his ſacred Perſon, Crown, and Dignity; and your Conviction of the Neceſſity of an immediate Connexion between Great Britain *and her Colonies; are Declarations worthy of you, and muſt tend to cement that Union between them without which it muſt be univerſally confeſſed they never can flouriſh and arrive to their greateſt Degree of Glory and Perfection.*

The Attachment of your Friends in Great Britain *to your Intereſt, you may be aſſured, will always follow ſuch Sentiments, and a Conduct naturally reſulting from them.*

For all theſe Marks of Gratitude to his Majeſty, and Approbation of my moſt earneſt Endeavours to ſerve you, on this and all other Occaſions, I return you my hearty Thanks.

A *Bill*, To veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof *George Carter*, Eſqr died ſeized in Fee Simple, in certain Truſtees therein mentioned, to be ſold for Performance of his Will, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, Mr *Nicholas*, and Mr *Page*.

Ordered, That Mr *Bowler Cocke* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

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The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Speech.

Ordered, That all the Letters and Papers that were laid before this Houſe by Direction of his Honor the Governor, and which were ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and Letters and Papers to them referred, but not having time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Saturday, the 15th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Propoſitions* of the Freeholders of *Prince William* County, ſetting forth the Veneration and Gratitude wherewith they are affected for the Perſon and Character of the Right Hon. *William Pitt*, Eſqr and praying that ſome permanent Teſtimony he adopted in Remembrance of that Friend of Liberty, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Memorial of ſundry inhabitants of *Richmond* County to them referred, and have come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again Twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That ſo much of the ſaid Memorial as relates to the Defect in the Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned, whereby *Archibald Ritchie* was allowed to keep a Ferry from his Land near *Tappahanock* Town to a Cauſey on the oppoſite Side, on the Lands of *Moore Fauntleroy*, ſo long as the ſaid *Archibald Ritchie*, his Heirs, or Aſſigns, ſhould keep and maintain at his or their own Expenſe the ſaid Cauſey in good and ſufficient Repair, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the ſaid Memorial as prays that the Ferriage of one Shilling and three Pence for a Man, and one Shilling and three Pence for a Horſe, by the ſaid Act eſtabliſhed at the ſaid *Ritchie's* Ferry, may be reduced to one Shilling for a Man and one Shilling for a Horſe, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Reſidue of the ſaid Memorial be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill For eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the land of *John Dix*, in *Halifax* County, over to the Land of *Lewis Green*, do receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the two firſt Reſolutions.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe a Bill To oblige the Owners of Mills erected on *Little Roanoke* River to keep Waſte or Tumbling Dams: and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The ſaid *Bill* was read a Second Time, and committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *John Lee* have Leave to be abſent until *Friday* next, and Mr *Waring* until *Monday* Se'nnight.

Ordered, That Mr *Nicholas* be added to the Committee for ſtating the Treaſurer's Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr *Coles* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and Mr *Mitchell* to the Committee of Trade.

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The *Order* or the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the Propoſitions from the Freeholders of the County of *Prince William*, which was this Day ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the ſaid Committee had had the Governor's Speech under their further Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, as follows:

Reſolved, That a dutiful Addreſs be made to his Majeſty, expreſſing our moſt grateful Acknowledgment of his affectionate Regard to his People in the late Repeal of the *American* Stamp Act, ſo important to the intereſting Connexions of his Realms, and at the ſame Time to declare our inviolable Attachment to his ſacred Perſon, Crown and Dignity, and our fixed Intention of preſerving that Harmony and Unanimity which ſhould for ever exiſt through his whole Realm.

Mr *Bland* alſo reported that the Committee, not having Time to go through the Governor's Speech, had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Speech on *Monday* next.

A *Petition* of *Joſeph Cabell*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, in *Buckingham* County, over the *Fluvannah* River, to the Land of *William Cabell*, in *Amherſt* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday, the 17th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of *John Willoughby*, ſetting forth that he is ſeized of a Tract of Land in the Pariſh of *Elizabeth* River, and County of *Norfolk*, and ſundry Negroes in Fee Taille; that moſt of the ſaid Negroes are Females, either old, breeding Women, or Children, and rather a Charge than an Advantage to him and praying that he may have Leave to ſell Part of the ſaid Land, not exceeding 1000 Acres, adjoining to *Princeſs Anne* County, and part of the ſaid Slaves not exceeding 20, in Order to purchaſe Men Slaves with the Money ariſing therefrom, and annex them to the entailed Premiſes, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in agreeable to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Wythe* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Claim* of *William Garrett*, for a Negroe condemned by the County Court of *Louiſa* on the 27th Day of *Auguſt* 1759, and valued by the ſaid Court at £45, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the ſame under their further Conſideration but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Newton* be added to the Committee appointed to ſettle the Treaſurer's Accounts.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday

Tuesday, the 18th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Landon Carter*, from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, reported that the Committee had according to Order inſpected the Journals of the laſt Seſſion of the laſt Aſſembly, and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and had agreed upon a Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and is as follows:

It appears to this *Committee* that on a Motion made to this Houſe it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to aſcertain the Price of ſundry Indian Goods belonging to the Publick, purchaſed by Mr *Iſrael Chriſtian*, and it was referred to Mr *Edmond Pendleton*, Mr *Travis*, Mr *Walker*, Mr *Hartwell Cocke*, Mr *Walke*, and Mr *Lewis*, to inſpect the ſame, and report their Opinion thereon to the Houſe; that the ſaid Committee reported they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereon, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow: That Mr *Chriſtian* purchaſed of Mr *Thomas Walker* ſundry goods belonging to the Publick, amounting (as rated by the Committee) to £136. 13. 9, after which Mr *Chriſtian*, in his Way to the *Cherokee* Country, received from Capt *William Ingles* ſome other Indian Goods belonging to the Publick, valued to £65. 16. 3 but whether the laſt mentioned Goods were purchaſed or taken by Mr *Chriſtian* to be ſold on Account of the Publick did not appear; that part of the Goods were ſold in the Indian Country, and as Mr *Chriſtian* was returning Home he was purſued by the *Indians*, and all his Effects taken from him and loſt; and it was thereupon reſolved that the ſaid Mr *Chriſtian* ought to pay to the Treaſurer, for the Uſe of the Publick, the ſaid £136. 13. 9 for the firſt mentioned Goods, and that the Reſidue of the Account ought to be referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a *Petition* of *Robert Aſhby*, ſetting forth that *Nimrod Aſhby* his Son was in the Year 1763 ſtationed on the Frontiers, with the Command of a detachment of Militia; that in the Month of *April* 1764 the ſaid *Nimrod* received from the Treaſurer a conſiderable Sum of Money, as well for his own Pay as the Pay due to his Men; that on his Return back to the Fort where his Men were ſtationed, in Order to pay them the Money reſpectively due to them, and to diſcharge ſome Debts he had been under a Neceſſity of contracting there, he was ſurprized by a Party of Indians who murdered him, and took from him £74, which has been ſince paid out of his Eſtate for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, which, together with his ordinary Debts, had reduced his Eſtate, and left two poor helpleſs Orphans deſtitute of Bread; and praying the Houſe would take the ſame into their Conſideration, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a *Petition* of *Thomas Railey*, of the County of *Hanover*, ſetting forth that as *Shadrach Vaughan*, Under Sheriff of the County of *Henrico*, was removing a Priſoner to the Publick Gaol he impreſſed a valuable Mare of the Petitioner's, and the ſaid *Vaughan*, without giving him notice, got the ſame appraiſed, by Perſons who knew nothing of her Quality, to ſix Pounds, when the ſaid Mare was worth a much greater Sum, and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a *Petition* of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of St *Mark*, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that an Act may paſs to empower them to ſell the Glebe Land of the ſaid Pariſh, and to purchaſe other Lands more convenient for a Glebe. Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the ſaid Parriſh and County in Oppoſition thereto; were preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a *Petition* of *Frances Aſhby* ſetting forth that her deceaſed Huſband *Nimrod Aſhby*, commanded a Company of Militia on the Frontiers in the Year 1763; that he was under the Neceſſity to advance his own Credit to furniſh the Militia with Cloathes, and other Things fit for the Service; that he employed certain Perſons as Pilots, or Run-

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ners, who with ſeveral others empowered him to draw their Pay, which he did, and on his Return to the Frontiers was attacked by a Party of *Indians*, who murdered him, and took from him all his Money, to the Amount of Sixty ſix or ſixty ſeven Pounds; and praying the Relief of this Houſe, was referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a *Petition* of *William O'Bryan Goff*, and others, Branch Pilots on *Potowmack* River, ſetting forth many Hardſhips they labour under and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the *Claims* of *John Buchanan*, *Walter Johnſton*, and *John Trimble*, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read; and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That an *Account* of the Damage done by the *Virginia* Regiment on the Plantations of *William* and *John Montgomery* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly. *And*

That ſundry *Claims* for the Pay and Expenſes of the Militia of different Counties, which had been rejected by the Committee of Claims, and orderd by the Houſe to lie on the Table, were referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That that Part of the Report that relates to M^r^ *Iſrael Chriſtian*, that was referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Alſo the *Petitions* of *Robert Aſhby*, *Thomas Railey*, and *Frances Aſhby*, and the Claims of *John Buchanan*, *Walter Johnſton*, and *John Trimble*, *William* and *John Montgomery*, and the ſundry Claims for the Pay and Expenſes of the Militia of different Counties mentioned in the ſaid Report, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the ſame; and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of S^t^ *Mark*, in the County of *Culpeper*, mentioned in the ſaid Report, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William O'Bryan Goff*, mentioned in the ſaid Report, be referred to the Committee of Trade; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r^ *Moſeley* and M^r^ *Pendleton* be added to the Committee to ſtate and ſettle the Treaſurer's Accounts, appointed on the ſecond Day of this Seſſion.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of *Truro* Pariſh, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying that that Part of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in 1765 for the Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh as relates to the Glebe and Church Plate, may be repealed, and that a new Act of Aſſembly may paſs to enable the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh to ſell the ſaid Glebe, paying the Pariſh of *Fairfax* its Proportion of what the ſaid Glebe ſells for, and to purchaſe a ſufficient Glebe in ſuch Part of the ſaid Pariſh as they ſhall ſee convenient, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Banjamin Winſlow*, ſetting forth that in the Year 1760, he received from his Honor the Governor a Recruiting Commiſſion, with Inſtructions to enliſt any Perſon young and healthy, without any Regard to Size, ſo that he had ſound Legs, and did enliſt one *John Burnley*, and paid him his whole Bounty, and Expenſes from *Spotſylvania* County to Fort *Lewis*, who being ſmall was refuſed by Col^o^ *Andrew Lewis*, and praying that he may receive ſuch Relief as this Houſe ſhall think juſt.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Edward Booker*, acting Executor of *Richard Booker*, deceaſed, praying to be reimburſed for Arms impreſſed by his Teſtator as County Lieutenant in *Amelia*, for the Uſe of the Militia of the ſaid County, and for which he has been ſued; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

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Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration two Petitions to them referred, and had come to two Reſolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Fauquier* County, praying that the Owners of Mills, Hedges, and Stops, erected on the River *Hedgman* and *Carter's* Run, in the ſaid County, may make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Joſeph Cabell* praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, on the ſouth Side of the *Fluvannah* River, in *Buckingham* County, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Land of *William Cabell* the Elder, on the North ſide of the ſaid River, in the County of *Amherſt*, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to whom the Bill To oblige the Owners of Mills erected on *Little Roanoke* River to keep Waſte or Tumbling Dams, was committed, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution, and to extend the ſame from *Hedgman* River down to the Falls of *Rappahanock* River.

Ordered, alſo, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to whom the Bill For eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the Land of *John Dix*, on *Staunton* River, to the Land of *Lewis Green*, on the oppoſite ſide of the ſaid River, was committed, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

A *Petition* of *William Tyler*, praying that the Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the Land of Mr *George Wilſon Spooner*, to *Cedar* Point in *Maryland*, within a Quarter of a Mile of the Petitioner's Ferry, may be repealed, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame; with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 19th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *New Kent* and *James City*, praying that an Act may paſs for a Diviſion of the ſaid Counties; that part of the upper End of the County of *James City* be added to *New Kent*, and the lower End of the County of *New Kent* be added to *James City*.

Alſo two *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants of ſaid Counties, in Oppoſition thereto; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill To direct the Collection of Taxes in Arrear from *King George* County for the Year 1765; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The ſaid *Bill* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Thomas Harriſon*, Mr *Joſeph Cabell*, Mr *William Cabell*, and Mr *Jordan*.

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Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances reported that they had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *William Tyler* to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William Tyler*, praying that ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the third Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, entitled *An Act*[1] *for eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, as appoints a Ferry to be kept from the Land of *George Wilſon Spooner*, in *Weſtmoreland* County, over *Potowmack* River, to *Cedar* Point in *Maryland*, may be repealed, be rejected.

Mr *Cary* from the Committee of Claims, reported that they had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Robert Wooding*, for eleven Days Pay in the Quality of a Lieutenant Colonel, in viewing the Situation of the ſeveral Forts and Garriſons on the Frontiers of this Colony, in the Year 1758, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Baldwin Dade* and *Thomas Bunbury*, Inſpectors at *Boyd's Hole* Warehouſe, to reimburſe them the Sum of £45. 10. 11. for five Hogſheads of Tobacco, to wit, 3370 lbs. neat at 18*s*. per Cent in 1762, and 2174 lbs. neat at 14*s*. per Cent in 1763 and 1764, ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, which they have been obliged to pay to the Owners thereof, is reaſonable and that they ought to be repaid the ſaid Sum of £45. 10. 11 by the Publick.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Joſeph Williams*, to reimburſe him the Sum of £8, which he paid for a Horſe impreſſed by him as Sheriff of *Lunenburg* County, to convey a Criminal to the Publick Gaol, which was loſt in that Service is reaſonable; and that he ought to be repaid the ſaid Sum of £8 by the Publick.

Reſolved, That the Petition af *John Harwood*, a wounded Soldier, for Relief from the Publick, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £5 for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of £5 *per Annum* during Life, as a Recompenſe for the Wounds he received in the Service of the Colony.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Elijah M'Clanahan*, to be reimburſed his Expenſe in the Care of his Wounds which he received from a Party of the Enemy *Indians* in the Year 1754, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £25 by the Publick.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make the ſeveral Allowances in the Book of Claims agreeable to the four laſt Reſolutions.

Sundry Militia *Claims* of *William Ramſay* were preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

A *Petition* of *Robert Briſtow* of *Loudoun*, praying that an Act may paſs to dock the Entail of ſundry Tracts of Land whereof he is ſeized in Fee Taille, was preſented to the Houſe and read; and the Queſtion being put that Leave be given to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

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1 Hening, VII. p. 588.

Thurſday, the 20th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Wythe*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill to dock the Entail of certain Land and Slaves whereof *John Willoughby* Gentleman, is ſeized and poſſeſſed, and for other Purpoſes; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *George Parker*, of the County of *Accomack*, praying that he may have Leave to pay a certain Sum in Lieu of a Legacy of £30 *per Annum* given by *Richard Bennett*, Esqr; late of the Province of *Maryland*, to the lower Pariſh of *Nanſemond*, with which the Eſtate deſcended to him from the ſaid *Bennett* ſtands charged, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Landon Carter*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill To empower Truſtees to ſell and convey certain Lands whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purpoſes; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Waſhington* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until *Wedneſday* next.

A Petition of ſundry Merchants, ſetting forth that ſome years ago an Act of Aſſembly paſſed for the Encouragement of Navigation, whereby *Virginia* Owners of Veſſels were exempt from the Payment of the Duties of Tunnage and the Impoſt on Tobacco, and praying that as many of them are Part Owners of Veſſels with Perſons reſiding out of this Colony, that they may be entitled to the ſaid Exemption, were preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Trade; that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

The *Bill* To dock the Entail of certain Land and Slaves whereof *John Willoughby*, Gentleman, is ſeized and poſſeſſed and for other purpoſes, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Wythe*, the Members of *Princeſs Anne* and *Norfolk* Counties, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Hutchings*, and Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*.

A *Claim* of *Joſeph Wood*, of *Culpeper* County, for a Gun impreſſed for the Uſe of the Militia, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their further Conſideration, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to with ſome Amendments, as follow:

Reſolved, That a Statute be raiſed to his Majeſty, as a grateful Acknowledgment for repealing the Stamp Act, and thereby reſtoring the Rights and Privileges of his *American* Subjects, and conſequently the Eaſe and Happiness of this Colony.

Reſolved, That an Hoſpital be erected for the Reception of Perſons who are so unhappy as to be deprived of their reaſon.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the above Reſolutions.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enforce the Law relative to tending Seconds, and it is referred to Mr *Woodbridge* and Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Claim* of *John Martin*, for a Horſe impreſſed into his Majeſty's Service was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Friday, the 21ſt of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of *Charles Minnis*, ſetting forth that in endeavouring to apprehend a Negro Man Slave, a Felon under Sentence of Death, who had lately broke Gaol, he received a dangerous Wound in his left Side from the ſaid Felon, by which he has never been able to follow his Occupation as a Blackſmith, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, from the Committee of Trade, reported that they had had under Conſideration two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That a Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, praying that the Allowance for the Inſpection of Flour be lowered to a Penny Halfpenny per Barrel, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That a Petition from ſundry Merchants, and others, Inhabitants of this Colony, praying an Exemption from the Payment of Tunnage on Veſſels and Impoſt on Tobacco, and to be allowed the ſame Privilege as *Virginia* Owners, as far as their reſpective Shares extend, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill for erecting a Statute to his Majeſty, purſuant to a Reſolve of this Houſe, that they receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, in the ſaid Bill, for erecting an Obeliſk to perpetuate the Glorious Repeal of the late unconſtitutional Stamp Act; and *alſo* to expreſs the Gratitude of this Colony to the ſeveral noble and worthy Patriots that diſtinguiſhed themſelves in both Houſes of the Parliament of *Great Britain* on that happy Occaſion, ſo eſſential to the juſt Rights and Liberties of the Subjects of the whole Realm.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That the Number of Members to conſtitute a Houſe, in Order to proceed on Buſineſs, ſhall be 50 at the leaſt, excluſive of the Speaker.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration on *Wedneſday* next.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for a Call of the Houſe be put off until *Wedneſday* next.

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Temple*, praying to be allowed the Bounty, Expenſe, and Subſiſtence, of nine Men that he enliſted for the intended Expedition againſt the *Cherokees*, agreeable to the Inſtructions he received from his Honor the Governor, one of which

which he left ſick in *King William*, five others deſerted and the other three were refuſed by Col[o] *Lewis*, and alſo to be paid the ſum of £78. 10 due to him for the Balance of his Account, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

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M[r] *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Levin Teacle*, praying that an Act of Aſſembly may paſs to empower him to cut a Drain or Ditch from his Land, through the Lands of *Samuel Bagg* and *Mary Bradford*, to the Head of *Malchapungo* Creek, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *James City* and *New Kent* Counties, praying that that Part of *New Kent* County which lies on the lower Side of *Diaſcun* Creek, from the Mouth thereof to the Run or Swamp on which the Mill belonging to *John Blair*, Eſq[r] ſtands, thence up the ſaid Run or Swamp to a marked Red Oak at *Iſaac Goddin's* Spring, near the ſaid *Goddin's* Houſe, thence eaſtwardly to a marked Perſimmon at the Head of a Branch near the main Road on the lower Side of *Goddin's* Houſe, thence down the ſaid Branch to *Dangerfields* Mill, thence down that Mill Creek to *York* River, may be added to *James City* County, and that that Part of *James City* County which lies on the upper Side of the Bounds before deſcribed may be added to *New Kent* County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *New Kent* and *James City* Counties, in Oppoſition thereto, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the firſt two Reſolutions.

An *Account* of *William Mead*, for Sundries, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That M[r] *Woodbridge* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until this Day Se'nnight, and M[r] *Gaſkins* until the ſecond *Tueſday* in *December*.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-Morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*.

Saturday, the 22nd of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For adding Part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*.

Alſo a *Bill* To enable *Levin Teacle* to drain a Parcel of Sunken Grounds in the County of *Accomack*, and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter of *Antrim* Pariſh, in *Halifax* County, ſetting forth the vaſt Extent of the ſaid Pariſh and County, and praying a Diviſion of the ſame.

Alſo a *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Halifax*, praying a Diviſion thereof.

Alſo a Petition of the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, ſetting forth that before the Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh from the Pariſh of *Truro* there was a Conſiderable Quantity of Church Plate belonging to the ſaid Pariſh of *Truro*, no Part of which they have ever received, and praying that they may have their Proportion of the ſaid Plate, or an Equivalent in Money; and the ſaid Petitions were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Auguſtine Claiborne*, and *Mary* his Wife, ſetting forth that they are ſeized in Fee Taille of Eleven Hundred Acres of Land in the County of *Cheſterfield*, and praying that an Act may paſs to enable them to ſell the ſame, and the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale to be laid out in the Purchaſe of Slaves, to be annexed to ſuch Part of their other Lands as will be of equal Value to the ſaid Eleven Hundred Acres, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *William Cabell*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To direct the Collection of the Taxes in the County of *King George* for the Year 1765 was committed, reported that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday, the 24th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

TWO new *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *Thomas Hord*, for a Negroe Man Slave that was outlawed and killed, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Stark* be appointed in the Room of Mr *George Davenport*, deceaſed, Clerk to the Committee of Correſpondence with the Agent of this Colony in *Great Britain*

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Correſpondence be directed to have the ſeveral Letters ſent to them from the Agent of this Colony tranſcribed according to their Dates, in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe.

A *Petition* of *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge*, ſetting forth that he is ſeized in Fee Taille of a valuable Tract of Land containing 5242 Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of St. Martin, in the County of *Hanover*, and is poſſeſſed of ſundry Slaves as his abſolute Property; and praying that an Act may Paſs to allow him to ſell 1466 Acres and an Half, Part of his Land, upon his ſettling Slaves of equal Value thereto.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Syme* and Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[1] *to direct the Collection of the Taxes in the Counties of* King George *and* Buckingham *for the Year* 1766, *and of the Publick Levy in the County of* Fauquier *for the Year* 1765, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Charles Carter* of *Lancaſter*, ſetting forth that about 14 or 15 Years ago *Harry*, a Negroe Slave belonging to him, attempted the Life of his Overſeer, upon which

[1] Hening, VIII p. 201.

which a Warrant was iſſued to the Sheriff by a Juſtice of Peace directing him to apprehend the ſaid Slave, dead or alive, and the ſaid Slave endeavouring to make his Eſcape was fired at and killed; and praying to be allowed for the said Slave, was preſented to the Houſe and received; and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A *Bill* to empower Truſtees to ſell and convey certain Lands, whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purpoſes, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Wythe*, Mr *Robinſon*, and the Members of *Lancaſter*, *Culpeper*, *Stafford*, and *Fauquier* Counties.

Mr *Cary* preſented to the Houſe a Bill For giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Tunſtall* be added to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances and Privileges and Elections, and Mr *Meredith* to the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For appointing a Treaſurer; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Adminiſtrators of the late Treaſurer do lay his Accounts before this Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, ſetting forth that great Numbers of People from the interior Parts of this Colony are deſirous of ſettling on the Waters of the *Ohio*, and many *German* Emigrants are deſirous of doing the ſame, but are deterred therefrom by reaſon of the Claims ſundry Companies ſet up by Virtue of ſome old Grants obtained in *England*, and others from the Governor and Council of this Colony, the Terms of which have never been complied with (to the great Prejudice of his Majeſty, as well as his Subjects) but the ſeveral Claimants under ſuch Grants deter your Petitioners, and others, from entering for Land on thoſe Waters; they are alſo prevented by Orders advertiſed by his Honor the Governor, forbidding the Surveyors to take any Entries beyond the Mountains; that they conceive if ſuch Grants had not been made that the back Part of this Country would have been ſo well peopled that the Inhabitants would have been able to have repelled the Incurſions of the *Indians*, and ſaved immenſe Sums to the Colony, already expended on that Account, beſides producing large Quantities of Hemp and Flax as an Export to the Mother Country.

That ſo many Benefits to *Great Britain* and this Colony may be no longer delayed, they humbly pray that his Majeſty may be addreſſed to give Leave that Lands may be entered for on the ſaid Waters, and that the grants not yet complied with may be declared void and of no Effect.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*

Tuesday, the 25th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ON a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To amend an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *to amend an Act entitled an Act to explain the Charges and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other purpoſes therein mentioned; alſo* one other Act entitled *An Act for enlarging and aſcertaining the Limits of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;* and it is referred to Mr *Hutchings* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

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[1] Hening, VII. p. 510.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for erecting a Statue of his Moſt Excellent Majeſty and an Obeliſk to commemorate the Services of ſundry noble and worthy Patriots of *Great Britain*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Returns of ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and have come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Returns of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for *James City* County, *Jameſtown*, and *Loudoun* County, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That the Returns of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the Counties of *Hanover* and *King and Queen* are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Ordered, That the returns of the reſpective Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Hanover* and *King* and *Queen* be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to his Majeſty; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, that it be ſigned by the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and be by him tranſmitted to the Agent for this Colony, in Order to be laid before the Kings Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Southampton*; ſetting forth the great Expenſe they have been at in building Bridges, and keeping them in Repair, and praying that an Act may paſs to empower the Juſtices of the ſaid County to erect Gates, or Turnpikes, on ſuch Bridges as are built over the River *Nottoway* in the ſaid County, and to demand and receive a Toll from ſuch Perſons as paſs or repaſs over the ſame (the Inhabitants of the ſaid County excepted) was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* To enable *Levin Teacle* to drain a Parcel of ſunken Ground in the County of *Accomack*, was read the ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be engroſſed and read a third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration two petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the petition of the Veſtrymen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying that an Act of Aſſembly may paſs to enable the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh to ſell their Church Plate, and Glebe Lands, and to purchaſe a Glebe in ſuch Part of the ſaid Pariſh as they ſhall think convenient, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the petition of the Veſtry of the pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, praying that they may have an equal Proportion of the Church Plate belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, before the Diviſion of the ſame from the pariſh of *Truro* in the County of *Fairfax*, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to both Reſolutions.

Mr *Cary* from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred and had come to the following Reſolutions

Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Claim of *Thomas Hord*, for a Slave who was outlawed and killed, is reaſonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to which the ſaid Slave was valued by the County Court of *Fauquier*.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the petition of *Charles Minnis* are true, and that he ought to be allowed by the publick the Sum of £ 25, to reimburſe him ſo much of the Doctors Accounts as they think reaſonable and juſt; and that the further Sum of £25 ought to be allowed him, as a Compenſation for the Loſs of his Health and Time, occaſioned by the ſaid Wound he received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make the reſpective Allowances in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Mr *Pendleton* according to Order, laid the late Treaſurer's Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee to ſtate and ſettle the Treaſurer's Accounts, appointed on the ſecond Day of this Seſſion.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To amend ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the Thirtieth Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, entitled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia, as relates to the appointment of Patrollers;* and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary* and Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the hearing of the Petition of *William Fitzhugh*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, be put off to *Thurſday* the 11th Day of *December* next.

A *Claim* of *William Ramſay*, for a Horſe impreſſed into the Publick Service was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 26th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, reported that the Committee had, according to Order, examined what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Aſſembly, and inſpected ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion or are near expiring, and have agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to, with ſome Amendments, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the twenty fifth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the ſecond, entitled *An Act*[2] *for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned*, which hath been continued by two other Acts made in the twenty ſeventh and thirty ſecond Years of his ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, and will expire the 20th Day of *April* 1767, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the thirty third Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the ſecond, entitled *An Act*[3] *to oblige the Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* West Indies *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, and which will expire the 20th Day of *April* 1767, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled *An Act*[4] *for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, and which will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VII. p. 93. [2] *Ibid*, VI. p. 217. [3] *Ibid*, VII. p. 338. [4] *Ibid*, VII. p. 397.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the third Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled *An Act*[1] *for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair*, and which will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the third Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled *An Act*[2] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, and which will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the ſecond, entitled *An Act*[3] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act*, which was continued by two other Acts made in the third and fifth Years of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire the 8th Day of *June* 1767, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the thirty ſecond Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the ſecond, entitled *An Act*[4] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, which was continued by two other Acts made in the firſt and fifth Years of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the 10th Day of *June* 1767, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the fifth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled *An Act*[5] *for amending the ſtaple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, and which will expire on the firſt Day of *October* 1767, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the ſecond, entitled *An Act*[6] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, which hath been continued by ſeveral Acts and amended by two other Acts made in the firſt and third Years of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire the twelfth Day of *April* 1767, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the fifth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled *An Act*[7] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed*, and which will expire the firſt Day of *June* 1768, ought to be continued, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the *firſt*, *ſecond*, *fifth*, and *ſeventh* Reſolutions; the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, purſuant to the *third* and *ninth* Reſolutions; and the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances, purſuant to the *fourth*, *ſixth*, *eighth*, and *tenth* Reſolutions.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Northumberland*, ſetting forth that by the preſent Act of Aſſembly for amending the Staple of Tobacco the relanding Tobacco at any Publick Warehouſe is prohibited, which is often attended with bad Conſequences, by detaining the Veſſels much longer in the Country on unneceſſary Charges than otherwiſe would be; and praying that an Act may paſs that the ſeveral Landlords (where it is neceſſary) may build Houſes at their own Expenſe for that Purpoſe, or upon Refuſal to build allow any Merchant ſo to do at any of the Publick Warehouſes, in Order to receive all ſuch Tobacco.

Alſo a *Petition* of the Miniſter of *St. David's* Pariſh, in *King William* County, ſetting forth that many of his Pariſhioners living on *Pamunkey* River carry their Tobacco to a *Hanover* Inſpection, and pay their Levies there, where the Market is conſiderably higher than in *King William*, a proportionable Part of which he conceives he has a legal Right to, yet finds himſelf deprived of by the Pariſh Collectors, who he has Reaſon to believe convert the Tobacco they collect in the Country to their own Uſe, and pay him off with Tobacco of inferior Value in *King William*, to his great Detriment, and praying they will take the Matter into Conſideration; and the ſaid Petitions were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

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1 Hening, VII. p. 577. 2 *Ibid*, VII. p. 580. 3 *Ibid*, VII. p. 106. 4 *Ibid*, VII. p. 265.
5 *Ibid*, VIII. p. 69. 6 *Ibid*, V. p. 326. 7 *Ibid*, VIII. p. 147.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof *George Carter*, Esqr died ſeized in Fee Simple in certain Truſtees therein named, to be ſold for Performance of his Will, was committed, reported that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed and read a third Time.

The Houſe being informed that the Sheriff of *Auguſta* attended at the Door, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That he amend his Return of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County in the Office, and that he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the petition of the Miniſter and Inhabitants of *St. Mark's* Pariſh, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that an Act may paſs to empower the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh to ſell their Glebe, and from the Money ariſing by the Sale thereof to purchaſe a better and more convenient Glebe, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *St. Mark*, in Oppoſition thereto, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Southampton* County, praying that *an* Act may paſs to empower the Juſtices of the ſaid County to erect Gates or Turnpikes, on ſuch Bridges as are built over *Nottoway* River, in the ſaid County; and to take a Toll from all Perſons (other than the Inhabitants of the ſaid County) who ſhall paſs and repaſs over the ſaid Bridges, is reaſonable.

The *third* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Southampton* praying that an Act may paſs to empower the Juſtices of the ſaid County to erect Gates or Turnpikes, on the Bridges over the River *Nottoway*, in the ſaid County be rejected.

The other *Reſolutions* being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

A *Bill* For appointing a Treaſurer.

Alſo a *Bill* For giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, were ſeverally read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole Houſe to take into Conſideration the State of the Colony.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for a Call of the Houſe be put off until Tomorrow.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported; according to Order, a Bill To empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, to ſell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Claim of *John Martin*, for his Horſe impreſſed in his Majeſty's Service, to carry an Express to Colo *Byrd*, be rejected.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Thomas Baylis*, for a Reward of £10, for taking up a Negroe Felon who had ſtolen a Horſe, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William Pemberton*, to be allowed for his Negroe Man Slave *Bob*, who was outlawed and found dead in the Woods, be rejected.

A *Bill* For adding part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and Part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *New Kent*, *James City*, and *Hanover* Counties.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Thurſday. the 27th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Benjamin Harriſon*, from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill To continue an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers.*

Alſo a *Bill* To continue an Act entitled *An Act*[2] *to oblige the Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina; *and the* Weſt Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty.*

Alſo a *Bill* To continue an Act entitled *An Act*[3] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots and regulating their Fees;* and the ſaid Bills were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To explain the Act entitled *An Act*[4] *preſcribing the Method of proving Book Debts;* and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Conſtant Woodſon*, ſetting forth that ſhe has diſcovered an effectual Remedy for curing Cancers, which ſhe for a valuable Conſideration will Communicate to the Publick; and praying ſuch a Reward as the Houſe ſhall think reaſonable, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *Bland*.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe two Letters from the Agent of this Colony that had come to Hand ſince the former Letters were laid before the Houſe, which were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *James Meredith*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe Man Slave that was outlawed and Shot.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the State of the Colony, and had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill For appointing a Treaſurer.

Alſo to the *Bill* For giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, to them referred; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bills, with the Amendments, be engroſſed; and read a third Time.

Mr *Blair* informed the Houſe that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again on the State of the Colony.

Reſolved,

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[1] Hening, IV, p. 317. [2] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 338. [3] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 580. [4] *Ibid*, VI, p. 53.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the State of the Colony on *Tueſday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for a Call of the Houſe be put off until *Tueſday* next.

And then the houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Friday, the 28th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For further continuing the Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act.

Alſo a *Bill* For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Alſo a *Bill* For further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair.

Alſo a *Bill* For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[2] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed;* and the ſaid Bills were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Nicholas*, from the Committee to whom the Bill For adding Part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and Part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*, was committed, reported that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony; and it is referred to Mr *John Lee*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Edward Carter*, Mr *John Bolling*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Alexander*, Mr *Parramore*, Mr *Harmanſon*, Mr *Grymes*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, from the Committee of Trade, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration a Petition to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William O'Bryan Goff*, and others Branch Pilots on *Potowmack* River, ſetting forth many Hardſhips they labour under, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, be rejected.

He *alſo* reported, from the ſaid Committee, a Bill for leſſening the Allowance for the Inſpection of Flour; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe being informed that *Charles Smith*, to whom an Allowance was formally given, had deceived the Houſe in the Repreſentation of his Caſe to them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Information be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 147.

delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to, with an Amendment, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Merchants, Inſpectors, and Planters, of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Lancaſter*, praying that the ſeveral Proprietors of the Publick Warehouſes for Reception of Tobacco may build Houſes at their own Expenſe, and be allowed the Liberty of receiving all Tobacco which may be removed by the Owner of the ſaid Tobacco from the Warehouſes to the Houſes ſo to be built againſt the Arrival of the Ship, or Veſſel on Board which the ſaid Tobacco was firſt intended to be ſhipped, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Alexander White*, Clerk, in Behalf of himſelf, and other Clergymen in the like Situation, praying that the Collectors of the Pariſh Levies may pay them their Salaries in the Tobacco Notes which the ſaid Collectors receive; be rejected, the ſame being already amply provided for by Law.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Halifax* County, praying that the ſaid County may be divided by the Line therein expreſſed, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Miniſter and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Antrim*, in the County of *Halifax*, praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the firſt Reſolution do lie on the Table

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, purſuant to the two laſt Reſolutions.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[1] *for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, was read a third Time.

Alſo an engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[2] *for appointing a Treaſurer*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

Ordered, That M[r] *Blair* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Robert Donaldſon*, ſetting forth that he has received ſeveral Wounds in the Service of this Colony, and is now blind, and rendered incapable of doing any ſort of Work for a Livelihood; and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That no Perſon, except the Members of his Majeſty's Council, ſhall be admitted into the Gallery, unleſs introduced by ſome of the Members of this Houſe; and the Serjeant at Arms is directed to ſee that this Reſolution is duely executed.

M[r] *Cary* reported that the Committee of Claims had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Claim of *William Mead*, for Pay for himſelf and Company as per Roll, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that ſo much of the Claim of *William Ramſay* as relates to an Allowance to be made him by the Publick for his Mare Impreſſed by the Sheriff of *Eſſex* County to remove a Criminal to the Publick Gaol, be rejected; and that the Reſidue of the ſaid Claim for Hire of the ſaid Mare, is reaſonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of fourteen Shillings for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Claim of *Joſeph Wood*, for a Gun for the Uſe of the Militia, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £1. 15 for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *Edward Booker*, acting Executor of *Richard Booker*, deceaſed, for an Allowance for ſundry Arms impreſſed by the ſaid Decedent for the Uſe of the Militia, be rejected, for Want of ſufficient Proof.

Reſolved,

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1. Hening, VIII. p. 210. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII p. 211.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Claim of *John* and *William Montgomery*, to be allowed for Damages done by the *Virginia* Regiment, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *Benjamin Temple*, to be allowed the Bounty, Expenſe, and Subſiſtence, of nine Recruits enliſted and marched by him to the Place of Rendezvous, where they were refuſed by Colº *Andrew Lewis*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *Benjamin Winſlow*, to be allowed the Bounty, Expenſe, and Subſiſtence, of one Recruit, enliſted and marched by him to Fort *Lewis*, where he was refuſed by Colº *Andrew Lewis*, be rejected.

The *firſt*, *ſecond*, *third*, *fourth*, *fifth* and *ſeventh* Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, and the queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Committee of Claims do make the reſpective Allowances in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the ſecond and third Reſolutions.

The *ſixth* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time,

Ordered, That the ſame be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

A *Petition* of *Ralph Wormeley*, ſetting forth that he is ſeized in Fee Taille of a Tract of Land in the Pariſh of *York Hampton*, and County of *York*, containing 1800 Acres; and praying an Act may paſs to allow him to ſell the ſame, on his ſettling a Tract of 4000 Acres in the County of *Frederick* to the ſame Uſes, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill*, To empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Truro* in the County of *Fairfax*, to ſell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*.

Saturday, the 29th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ON a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be directed to ſend for the lateſt and beſt Edition of the Votes of the Houſe of Commons of *Great Britain*, as they are now publiſhed complete for many Years paſt to be preſerved in the Clerk's Office of this Houſe, for the Uſe of the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To amend an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms and in clearing of Ships, for aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the caſting Ballaſt or dead Bodies, into Rivers or Creeks;* and it is referred to Mr *Eyre* and Mr *Parramore*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[2] *for adding Part of the County of* James City *to the County of* New Kent *and part of the County of* New Kent *to the County of* James City, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for Leſſening the Allowance for the Inſpection of Flour was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read the third Time.

A *Bill* For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[3] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 94. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 208. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 147.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* To continue an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyer*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill* to continue an Act entitled *An Act*[2] *to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill* to continue an Act entitled *An Act*[3] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill* For further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the Publick Roads and Bridges in Repair was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill* For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[4] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe on *Wedneſday* next.

A *Bill* for further continuing the Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday, the 1ſt of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ON a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That thirty Members be a ſufficient Number to call the Houſe and to ſend for the abſent Members.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[5] *to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof* George Carter, *Eſq*[r] *died ſeized in Fee Simple in certain Truſtees therein named, to be ſold for Performance of his Will*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved that the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M[r] *Landon Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Robert Willis*, ſetting forth that he has ſerved as a Soldier in the Armies of *Great Britain* ever ſince the Year 1709; that he came to *Virginia* in 1739, and in the year 1740 ſerved under Governor *Gooch* in the Expedition to *Carthagena*, with whom he returned to *Virginia*, and ſerved as a Soldier under Capt. *Spotſwood*, and was in ſeveral Engagements againſt the *French* and *Indians;* that he is now old, infirm, and unable to labour for his Support, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

M[r] *Syme*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill To veſt certain entailed Lands in *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge* Eſq[r]; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling Slaves in Lieu thereof; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[6] *to continue an Act entitled An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers*, was read a third Time and a Blank therein filled up; and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill do paſs.

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[1] Hening. IV, p. 317.
[2] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 338.
[3] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 490
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 215.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[1] *to continue an Act entitled An Act to oblige the Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina *and the* Weſt Indies *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, was read a third Time and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[2] *for leſſening the Allowance for Inſpection of Flour*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For amending and further continuing the ſeveral Acts for laying a Duty on Slaves, and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[3] *to continue an Act entitled An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[4] *for further continuing the Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act* was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday, the 2nd of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ON a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the State of the Clerk's Office of this Houſe, and to conſiſt of the following Perſons: Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Bowler Cocke*, Mr *Carrington*, and Mr *Henry*.

Mr *John Lee*, from the Committee appointed; preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For continuing the Act entitled *An Act*[5] *for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For dividing the County of *Halifax* and Pariſh of *Antrim;* and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

He *Alſo* reported that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances had had under their Conſideration a Bill To empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, to ſell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, and had made no Amendments thereto.

Ordered,

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 194.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 197.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 189.
[5] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 397.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Ordered, what Mr *Landon Carter* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe the Remainder of this Seſſion, and Mr *Brooks* until To-morrow Se'nnight.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, wherein the Services ſhall be performed*, was committed, reported that the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill* for erecting a Statue to his Moſt Excellent Majeſty and an Obeliſk to commemorate the Services of ſundry noble and worthy Patriots of *Great Britain*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe on *Thurſday* next.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of *Suffolk* Pariſh, in *Nanſemond* County praying that the Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the fourth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, For exempting the Inhabitants of *Elizabeth City* County, and the Miniſter and Inhabitants of *Suffolk* Pariſh in *Nanſemond* County, from Payment of Ferriages, etc., and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, as far as relates to the ſaid Pariſh, may be repealed, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereon to the Houſe.

A *Bill* To veſt certain entailed Lands in *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge*, Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling Slaves in Lieu thereof, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Hanover*, *Louiſa* and *Caroline*.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the State of the Colony on *Friday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 3rd of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For further continuing and amending the Act entitled *An Act*[2] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;* and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill To continue and amend an Act entitled *An Act*[3] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act;* and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To empower the Executors of *Charles Carter* to diſpoſe of ſome Part of his real Eſtate, for the Payment of his juſt Debts and Legacies; and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Eyre*, from the Perſons appointed, preſented to the Houſe, according to order, a Bill To amend an Act entitled *An Act*[4] *for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms, and in clearing*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 147. [2] *Ibid.*, V, p. 326. [3] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 265. [4] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 94.

clearing of Ships, for afcertaining Collectors and naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the caſting Ballaſt or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Luke Luker*, of the County of *Accomack*, praying that he may be admitted to keep a Ferry from *Pungoteague* in the ſaid County to *York*, *Hampton*, *Norfolk*, and the Places adjacent.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Thomas Talbot*, ſetting forth that ſome Years ago he purchaſed of one *Robert Todd* a Piece of Land, with Storehouſes thereon, lying on the main Street in the Borough of *Norfolk;* that he laid off a Street 26 Feet wide, between the ſaid Storehouſes and the main Street, leading to a back Creek, for the Benefit of the Publick; that ſince the ſaid Purchaſe, upon a Survey, he finds that the greateſt Part of one of the ſaid Houſes lies on the Publick Land, and praying that he may be allowed the Publick Land whereon his ſaid Storehouſe ſtands, and as much as will make up the ſaid 26 Feet he gave to the Publick; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereon, to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, to whom it was referred to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of *George Parker's* Petition, that he be diſcharged from the ſame, and that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they inquire into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Robert Beverly*, Eſqr; ſetting forth that he if ſeized of a Tract of Land containing 2800 Acres in the Counties of *King* and *Queen* and *Caroline*, and one other Tract of 50 Acres in the County of *Eſſex*, in Fee Taille, and that he is ſeized in Fee Simple of one Moiety of a Tract of Land in the County of *Culpeper*, containing 7100 Acres; and praying that an Act may paſs to enable him to ſell the ſaid entailed Lands, and to ſettle the aforementioned Moiety of 7100 Acres in Lieu thereof, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, and Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[1] for adding Part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and Part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[2] to direct the Collection of the Taxes in the Counties of *King George* and *Buckingham* for the Year 1766, and of the Publick Levy in the County of *Fauquier* for the Year 1765, *without Amendments*.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[3] to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof *George Carter*, Eſqr died ſeized in Fee Simple in certain Truſtees therein named, to be ſold for Performance of his Will, *with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

Alſo to the Reſolve *For appointing* William Rind *the Publick Printer.*

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, entitled *An Act*[4] *to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof* George Carter, *Eſqr died ſeized in Fee Simple, in certain Truſtees therein named, to be ſold for Performance of his Will*, and the ſame being twice read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do go up to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments propoſed by them to the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of the Veſtry and other Inhabitants

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 208. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 201. [3] *Ibid*, VIII, p. 215. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 215.

Inhabitants of *Suffolk* Parifh in *Nanfemond* County, to them referred, and had come to the following Refolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the fame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houfe as follows:

Refolved, That the faid Petition, praying that so much of an Act of Affembly paffed in the third Year of his prefent Majefty's Reign, entitled *An Act*[1] *for exempting the Inhabitants of* Elizabeth City *County, and alfo the Miniflers and other Parifhioners of* Suffolk *in* Nanfemond, *and of* Antrim *Parifh in* Halifax, *from the Payment of Ferriage, and for other purpofes therein mentioned, as relates to the Exemption of the Minifter and Parifhioners of* Suffolk, *in the faid County of* Nanfemond, *from the Payment of Ferriage on* Sundays, *and other Days of Publick Worfhip*, may be repealed, be rejected.

An engroffed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[2] *for continuing an Act entitled An Act for increafing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services fhall be performed*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroffed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[3] *to empower the Veftry of the Parifh of* Truro, *in the County of* Fairfax, *to fell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for dividing the County of *Halifax*, and Parifh of *Antrim*, was read a fecond Time.

Ordered, That the faid Bill be committed to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[4] *for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read a fecond Time.

Ordered, That the faid Bill be engroffed, and read a third Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houfe to refolve itfelf into a Committee to take under their Confideration the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[5] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majefty's Cuftoms.*

Refolved, That this Houfe will refolve itfelf into the faid Committee Tomorrow.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims reported that the faid Committee had had under their Confideration feveral Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Refolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and, then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and are as follow:

Refolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that *William Ramfay* ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 56.2.10 Half penny, for the Proviſions, in his Account mentioned, furniſhed the Militia ſtationed on the South Branch; and that the Reſidue of his ſaid Account, being for Tomhawks for the Uſe of the Regiment, and for the Pay of the Militia under the Command of Captain *Robert Pearis*, be rejected, it appearing that the ſaid *Pearis* has been allowed for Pay Rolls ſince the Date of this Account.

Refolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Account of *Alexander Woddrow* and Company, for Sundries therein mentioned be rejected.

Refolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *James Meredith*, to be allowed for his Negroe Man *Will*, who was outlawed and ſhot, is reaſonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 55.4 for his ſaid Slave.

Refolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petitions of *Francis* and *Robert Aſhby*, to be reimburſed the Sum of £ 66 or £ 67, ſaid to have been taken from *Nimrod Aſhby* by a Party of *Indians*, by whom it was ſuppoſed he was killed, be rejected.

Refolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the petition of *Robert Willis*, a Soldier, who from the Infirmities of old age, and the Hardſhips he has ſuffered in the Service of this Colony, is rendered incapable of getting a Livelihood, is reaſonable; and that

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[1] This act was paſſed during the fourth year of the reign of George III. Hening, VIII, p. 52.
[2] Hening's, VIII, p. 200.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 202.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 397.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69

that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £5 *per Annum* during Life, towards his Support

The *laſt* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Robert Willis* be rejected.

The 2^{d}, 3^{d}, and 4th Reſolutions, being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the 1st Reſolution be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance in the Book of Claims purſuant to the 3^{d} Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Thurſday, the 4th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of the Veſtry of *Lunenburg* Pariſh, in the County of *Richmond*, ſetting forth that they have lately purchaſed a Tract of Land adjoining the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, which they are deſirous of annexing to the ſame, and praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe, except as to a ſmall Part thereof which is intended to be laid off for a Poor Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to M^{r} *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have been prevented from recording Deeds, and other Inſtruments, within the Time preſcribed by Law, by the Occluſion of the Courts of Juſtice during the Confuſion lately created by the Act of Parliament for impoſing Stamp Duties in *America;* and it is referred to M^{r} *Richard Henry Lee* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

M^{r} *Landon Carter* reported that the Perſons appointed to examine into the State of the Clerk's Office of this Houſe had duly attended the ſaid Office, and carefully inſpected the State thereof, and had agreed upon a report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

It appears to your *Committee* that the ſeveral Records and Papers in the Office are kept in as good a State of Preſervation as Manuſcripts preſumptively can be, the ſeveral Caſes containing the ſame are under good Locks and Keys, in which every Record and Paper is carefully and diſtinctly depoſited, except as to one Preſs, containing ſundry old Papers, which though bundled up appear in the ſame diſordered indigeſted State in which they were ſaved in the Time of the burning of the Capitol; as to the Journals before the Year 1752, many of the Volumes appear to have endured the Inconveniences, and indeed Deſtructions, that Time generally effects on Manuſcripts, and ſince the Year 1752 the ſeveral Journals are preſerved in printed and bound Books, kept for the Uſe of the Aſſembly; but that the ancient Minutes of the Office before the Year 1752, from which the Journals have been tranſcribed into the Volumes as before, are in a very periſhing condition.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That the Speaker be deſired to agree with the Publick printer for printing off the Journals of this Houſe from the moſt early Times in the Records of this Houſe to the Year 1752, under the Inſpection of the Clerk; that one Set of ſuch Journals, half bound, be lodged in the Office of this Houſe for the Uſe of the Members, one Set for the Speaker,

Speaker, and one Set for each of the ſtanding Committees; and that a Sum, not exceeding £400 Current Money, ſhall be applied for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[1] to continue an Act entitled an Act to oblige the Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from *Maryland*, *Carolina*, and the *Weſt Indies*, for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[2] for further continuing the Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[3] to continue and Act entitled An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots and regulating their Fees.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[4] for leſſening the Allowance for the Inſpection of Flour.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to levy for the County of *Caroline* 8510 lbs. of Tobacco, which they paid to the Sheriff of that County for a Deficiency of 105 Tithables in the Number the laſt Publick Levy was laid on the ſaid County, by a Miſtake in the Clerks Certificate.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, ſetting forth that the Warehouſes on the River *Yeocomico* in the County aforeſaid are inconveniently ſituated, and praying that the upper Warehouſes called *Ruſt's* may be removed lower down the River to a Place known by the Name of *Kinſale*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition do lie on the Table.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers.

Alſo a *Bill* to veſt certain Lands in *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof; and the ſaid Bills were ſeverally read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Meſſage* from the Council.

That they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[5] for continuing an Act entitled An Act for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed, *with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame being read were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and inform them thereof.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Jonathan Ware*, to be allowed his Account for Priſon Fees for deſerted Soldiers be rejected, being no publick Claim.

Reſolved, That the Claims of *John Trimble*, for Horſe Hire in the Year 1759, and of *John Buchanan*, junr for a Horſe and Hire in the Year 1756, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Claim of *R. Walker Johnſon* for 298 lbs of Beef, furniſhed a Detachment of Capt. *Cunningham's* Company of Militia at *Dickinſon's* is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £1. 17. 3 for the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Robert Donaldſon*, a wounded Soldier, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the ſum of £5 for his preſent Relief.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £5 *per Annum* be paid to the ſaid *Robert Donaldſon* during

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 191.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 189.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 197.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 200

during his Life, as a Recompenſe for the Wounds he received, and the Hardſhips he ſuffered, in the Service of the Colony.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the *third* and *fourth* Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the laſt Reſolution be engroſſed, and that Mr *Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Perſons appointed, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill To amend ſo much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, from the Perſons appointed preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverly*, Eſqr; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The *Repreſentation* of the Commiſſioners for the Northern Department, appointed by Act of Aſſembly to examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Militia ordered out into actual Service, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the ſame, and that they alſo inquire into the Service of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Clerks of the ſeveral County Courts in this Colony do tranſmit to the Clerk of this Houſe, in the firſt Part of every Meeting of the General Aſſembly, a Liſt of the Tithables in their Counties, containing the Names of ſuch Tithables; and that they tranſmit alſo, at the ſame Time, a Liſt of the Publick Charges of their reſpective Counties.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do cauſe the ſame to be publiſhed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[1] *for further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair*, was read a third time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee Tomorrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the Bill For erecting a Statue of his Moſt Excellent Majeſty, and an Obeliſk, to commemorate the Services of ſundry noble and worthy Patriots of *Great Britain*.

The Houſe immediately reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee, not having Time to go through the ſame, had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill on *Tueſday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to prepare Inſcriptions for the Obeliſk intended to be raiſed to expreſs the Gratitude of this Colony to the ſeveral noble and worthy Patriots who diſtinguiſhed themſelves, in both Houſes of the Parliament of *Great Britain* in procuring the Repeal of the Stamp Act; and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Wythe*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *R. Munford of Mecklenburg*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Francis Lee*, Mr *Lewis*, Mr *Wilſon Cary*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Alexander*, and Mr *Burwell* to prepare the ſame.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 102.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69.

A *Bill* to remove the ſeat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe on this Day Se'nnight.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe on this Day Se'nnight.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To exempt the Inhabitants of the County of *Mecklenburg*, and Pariſhioners of *St. James's* Pariſh in the ſaid County, from paying Ferriage on *Sundays*, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Muſters; and it is referred to Mr *Cary*, and Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[1] *for continuing the Act entitled an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill* to veſt certain entailed Lands in *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Pendleton*, the Members of *York*, *Elizabeth City*, and *Loudoun*, Mr *Waſhington* and Mr *Lewis*.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*.

Friday, the 5th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order a Bill For annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of *Lunenburg* Pariſh, in the County of *Richmond*, by way of Donation; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That all Members coming to the General Aſſembly, not having Notice of the Prorogation of the ſame, be allowed their Traveling Expenſes.

A *Petition* of *William Fitzhugh*, praying Leave to withdraw his Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Stafford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid *William Fitzhugh* have Leave to withdraw his ſaid Petition, and that the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding any further therein.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *Thompſon Maſon* be allowed his Coſts, occaſioned by the Petition of the ſaid *William Fitzhugh*; and it is referred to the Committee of Claims to ſettle and adjuſt the ſame.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, and a Memorial, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *George Parker*, praying that an Act may paſs empowering him to pay down a ſufficient Sum of Money to ſecure an Annuity to the Pariſh of *Suffolk*, in the County of *Nanſemond*, in Lieu of certain Slaves ſet apart for that Purpoſe, by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Richard Bennett*, Eſqr; is reaſonable.

Reſolved,

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 198.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Elizabeth Cook*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from her Landing, in *Stafford* County below the Mouth of *Chapawampick* Creek, acroſs the River *Potowmack*, to the Land of *Clement Kennedy*, in *Maryland*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *James Scott*, Clerk, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Landing, at *Dipple*, in *Stafford* County, acroſs *Potowmack* to *Cedar Point*, in *Maryland*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Memorial of *John Henry*, for laying down a general Map of this Colony be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill For eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the Land of *John Dix*, on *Dan* River, to the Land of *Lewis Green*, on the oppoſite Side of the ſaid River, was committed, to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

Ordered, That M^r *Parramore* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe the Remainder of this Seſſion.

A *Bill* To continue and amend an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe on *Tueſday* next.

A *Bill* To amend ſo much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To oblige *John Field*, *John Poſey*, and *James Gunn*, to ſettle with the Treaſurer of this Colony for the ſeveral Sums they reſpectively received from the Publick for the Pay of their Companies of Artificers, and to pay the Balance (if any) in their Hands, to the ſaid Treaſurer, for the publick Uſe; and is referred to M^r *Archibald Cary*, and M^r *Pendleton*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

M^r *Pendleton*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To veſt certain entailed Lands in *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſq^r; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof, was committed, reported that the ſaid Committee had made an Amendment thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed and read a third Time.

A *Bill* To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverley*, Eſq^r; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Caroline*, *King* and *Queen*, *Eſſex*, and *Culpeper*.

A *Bill* to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Monday* next.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday,

[1] Hening, VII, p. 265.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69.

Monday, the 8th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Claim* of *Richard Johnſon*, of the County of *Louiſa*, for a Negroe Man named *Pompey*, that was condemned by the Court of the ſaid County, and valued to £50, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill To explain the Act entitled *An Act*[1] *preſcribing the Method of proving Book Debts;* and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee appointed, preſented to the Houſe according to Order, certain Inſcriptions, intended for the Obeliſk to be raiſed in Order to perpetuate the Memory of certain noble and illuſtrous Patriots who diſtinguiſhed themſelves in the Parliament of *Great Britain* in the Cauſe of *American* Liberty; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Inſcriptions do lie on the Table.

Mr *Hutchings* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill To amend an Act entitled *An Act*[2] *to amend an Act entitled An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other purpoſes therein mentioned; alſo* one other Act, entitled *An Act*[3] *for enlarging and aſcertaining the Limits of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *William Page*, praying to be appointed a Door-Keeper, in the Room of *Nathaniel Hix*, deceaſed.

Alſo a *Petition* of *William Hix*, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid *William Hix* be appointed Door-Keeper to this Houſe, and that he give his Attendance accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William Page* be rejected.

Mr *Syme*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To veſt certain entailed Lands in *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge*, Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling Slaves in Lieu thereof, was committed, reported that the Committee had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Perſons appointed, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, and alſo the Miniſter and other Pariſhioners of *St. James's* Pariſh, in the ſaid County, from the Payment of Ferriage on *Sundays*, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Muſters; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[4] to empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, to ſell the Glebe and Church Plate, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[5] for continuing the Act entitled an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.

Alſo to the *Reſolve* for allowing the Sum of £5 *per Annum* to *Robert Donaldſon* during his Life as a Recompenſe for the Wounds he received, and the Hardſhips he ſuffered, in the Service of the Colony.

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[1] Hening, IV, p. 327.
[2] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 510.
[3] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 433.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 202.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.

Certain Militia Accounts from Colº *Andrew Lewis*, and Colº *William Preſton*, for their Pay and Expenſes in receiving the Money, and paying of the *Auguſta* Militia, were preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *John Armſtrong*, for Timber uſe in the building Fort *William*, was preſented to the Houſe and received; and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Claim be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Claim be rejected.

A *Petition* of *John M^cLanachan*, in Behalf of himſelf and ſundry other Perſons, ſetting forth the Services they rendered to this Country as Officers of a Company of Volunteers, under the Command of Colº *Bouquet*, in the Expedition againſt the *Shawaneſe* and *Delaware* Indians, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the ſame, and report their Opinion thereon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Handy*, and others, ſetting forth that they ſerved as Rangers on the Frontiers of *Auguſta*, in the Year 1763, under the Command of Colº *John Phelps*, but were omitted in his Pay Roll, and praying an Allowance for the ſame, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Juſtices of the County of *Loudoun* is reaſonable, and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of £18. 19. 4 Half penny, to reimburſe them the Judgment and Coſts of Suit obtained by the ſurviving Executors of *William Hunter*, deceaſed, againſt *Charles Binns* Clerk of the Court of the ſaid County of *Loudoun*, for the Copies of the Laws in their Petition mentioned.

Reſolved, That the ſundry Claims for the Pay and Expenſes of the Militia of different Counties, referred laſt Seſſion, be rejected, for Want of Proof.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Sarah Johnſon*, as Executrix of *George Johnſon*, deceaſed, and Guardian to her Son *William Johnſon*, an Infant, to be allowed the Sum of £55 for the Slave *Dick* in her Petition mentioned, is reaſonable, and that ſhe ought to be allowed the Sum of £55 for the ſaid Slave, on paying Intereſt for the ſame to *Abraham Barnes*, during the Life of his Wife *Sarah*, and if ſhe ſhould ſurvive, then to the ſaid *Sarah* during her Life.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the firſt and laſt Reſolution.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, that he will be pleaſed to direct that his Letters to Colº *Andrew Lewis*, relative to the Volunteers of *Auguſta*, who joined Colº *Bouquet* in the Expedition againſt the *Shawaneſe* and *Delaware* Indians, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomſon Maſon* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections and Courts of Juſtice, and Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg* to the Committee to whom the Bill To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverley*, Eſqr is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes, is referred.

A *Petition* of ſundry of the Inhabitants of *Charlotte*, *Mecklenburg*, *Halifax*, and *North Carolina*,

Carolina, ſetting forth that they have no other Road or Way to get to Market but the Roads commonly called and known by the Names of *Witton's* and *Coxe's*, that the Juſtices of *Lunenburg*, ſince the Diviſion of that County, not having any Occaſion to make Uſe of thoſe Roads, have come to a Reſolution not to build for the future any Bridges over the River *Meherrin*, and of turning the ſaid Roads to croſs the ſaid River, where, if Bridges were built, it would be impoſſible to paſs with Loaded Carriages; and praying Relief, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Thurſday* next.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M[r] *Pendleton* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[3] *to amend ſo much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M[r] *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[4] *to veſt certain entailed Lands in* Ralph Wormeley, *Eſq[r]; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof* was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M[r] *Pendleton* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of *Lunenburg* Pariſh, in the County of *Richmond*, by way of Donation, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday, the 9th of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill For dividing the County of *Halifax*, and Pariſh of *Antrim*, was committed, reported that the ſaid Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed and read a third Time.

A *Petition* of *Robert Tucker*, of the Borough of *Norfolk*, ſetting forth that on the 4[th] Day of *September* laſt he had the Miſfortune of having all his Store Houſes burned with Lightning, in which he loſt a very conſiderable Value in Rum, Wine, Sugar, and other Merchandize, particularly 66 Hogſheads of Rum and 9 Pipes of *Madeira* Wine, which were duly entered, and the Duties bonded; and praying that he may be exempt from paying the Duty of the ſaid Rum and Wine.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69 [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 195. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 230.

Alſo a *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies and Hardſhips they labour under by Reaſon of their Remoteneſs from their Court Houſe, and praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill For erecting a Statue of his Moſt excellent Majeſty, and an Obeliſk to commemorate the Services of Sundry noble and worthy Patriots of *Great Britain*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Friday* the 13th of *March* next.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Charlotte*, *Mecklenburg*, and *Halifax* Counties, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of the ſaid Inhabitants, praying that the Juſtices of *Lunenburg* County may by Law be compelled to build Bridges over *Meherrin* River, at certain Places in the ſaid Petition ſet forth, be rejected.

Mr *Bland* informed the Houſe that he had waited on his Honor the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, to cauſe his Letters to Colo *Lewis* relative to the Volunteers of *Auguſta* who joined Colo *Bouquet* in the Expedition againſt the *Shawaneſe* and *Delaware* Indians, to be laid before this Houſe, and that his Honor was pleaſed to give him Copies of ſeveral of his Letters on that Subject, which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of *John M^cLanachan* and others is referred.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into Conſideration the Bill To continue and amend an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under Conſideration, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

The *Treaſurer*, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Treaſury.

A *Petition* of *Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage*, ſetting forth that he is ſeized in Fee Taille of a Tract of Land lying in the Pariſh of *Hungars*, and County of *Northampton*, containing 950 Acres, and that it would be greatly to the Advantage of himſelf and Family if he was permitted to ſell the ſaid Land, and to ſettle other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes, and praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Nicholas* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Munford*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To empower Truſtees to ſell and convey certain Lands whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purpoſes, was committed, reported that they had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto;

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[1] Hening, VII, p. 265.

thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

He *alſo* reported, from the *Committee* to whom the Bill To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverley* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the ſaid Committee had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, but had made no Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 10th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ON a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor to lay before this Houſe Copies of the ſeveral Bonds given by the late Treaſurer, *John Robinſon*, Eſq[r]; for the due Execution of his Office as Treaſurer to this Colony; and that M[r] *Henry*, M[r] *Thomſon Maſon*, and M[r] *Richard Henry Lee*, do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by M[r] *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[1] for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[2] for appointing a Treaſurer.

M[r] *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration the Claim of *Richard Johnſon*, and the Petition of *William Handy*, and others, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow:

Reſolved, That the Claim of the ſaid *Richard Johnſon*, to be allowed for his Slave *Pompey* who was tried, condemned, and executed, and by the County Court of *Louiſa* valued at £50, is reaſonable, and that he ought to be allowed the ſaid Sum of £50 for the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William Handy*, *Jehu Stephens*, *Henry Haynes*, and *Roſs Noble*, Soldiers in a Ranging Company under the Command of Col[o] *John Phelps*, in the Year 1763, is reaſonable, and that the following Allowances ought to be made by the Publick, viz[t] To *William Handy* £3. 4. 6, *Jehu Stephens* £1. 17. 6, *Henry Haynes* £2. 6. 6, and *Roſs Noble* £1. 10, for their Pay.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance in the Book of Claims purſuant to both Reſolutions.

M[r] *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Littleton* and *Severn Eyre*, Gentlemen, praying that the Owners or Shippers of Veſſels may be reſtrained by Law from carrying for Reward any Perſon or Perſons, other than the Inhabitants of *Accomack* County, acroſs the Bay from the ſaid County of *Accomack* to *York*, *Hampton*, or *Norfolk*, or the Places adjacent, is reaſonable.

Reſolved,

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[1] Henin, VIII, p. 210.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 211.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Luke Luker*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from *Pungoteague*, in the County of *Accomack*, acroſs the Bay to *York*, *Hampton*, *Norfolk*, and the Places adjacent, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to whom the Bill For eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the Land of *John Dix*, on *Dan* River, to the Land of *Lewis Green*, on the oppoſite Side of the ſaid River, is committed, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the above Reſolutions.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Wal'er*, praying to be allowed the Sum of £13. 14. 9, which which was conſumed with his Houſe on the firſt Day of *February* laſt, and which was received by his Father, lately deceaſed, for the Uſe of the Publick was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Door-Keeper of this Houſe, praying to be allowed a Suit of Clothes, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be directed to cauſe the ſaid Petitioners to be provided with decent Clothes and Badges.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Walker* be directed to pay unto Capt *John Smith* the Sum of £4. 17. 3, and that he alſo pay into the Treaſury the Sum of £9. 0. 9, being the Balance of the Money given to pay the ſaid *Smiths* Company of Militia.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of this Colony, praying that the Bridge near the Town of *Pocahontas*, in *Cheſterfield* County, may be rebuilt, and become a Publick Charge, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *Walter Coles*, for Sundries found the Militia, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Archibald Cary* informing the Houſe that the Commiſſioners appointed for ſettling the Militia Accounts had omitted, in their Certificate to the Treaſurer, the Bounty of 40ſ. to 107 Men of Capt *Charles Lewis'* Company of Militia, amounting in the the whole to £214, alſo 387 lbs. of Flour, at 12ſ. per Hundred, amounting to £2. 6. 5, furniſhed by *John Gilmer*, and omitted in his Certificate.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be directed to pay unto Capt *Charles Lewis* the ſaid Sum of £214, and alſo the ſaid Sum of £2. 6. 5, to *John Gilmer*, out of the Fund raiſed for the Payment of the Militia of this Colony.

Mr *Nicholas*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill To empower *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain entailed Lands, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Bill* To explain the Act entitled *An Act*[1] *preſcribing the Method of proving Book Debts*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Nicholas* and Mr *Wythe*.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Benjamin Temple*, and the Claim of *William Ramſay*, to them recommitted, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the ſaid *Benjamin Temple*, ought

[1] Hening, IV, p. 327.

ought to be allowed, out of the Balance of £86. 10 which appears to be due in his Hands to the Colony, a Diſcount of the Sum of £11. 10, for the Bounty Money and enliſting of *John Fendley*, a Recruit, who after being enliſted was taken ſick, and rendered incapable of marching to the Place of Rendezvous: and the further Sum of £1, for a Man and Horſe employed in purſuit of a Deſerter.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the ſaid *William Ramſay* ought to be allowed the Sum of £56. 2. 10 Halfpenny for the Proviſions in his Account mentioned, and that the Reſidue of the ſaid Account, be rejected.

The laſt *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto.

Reſolved, in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do allow in the Book of Claims to the ſaid *William Ramſay* the Sum of £56. 2. 10 Halfpenny, agreeable to the ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered, That the firſt Reſolution do lie on the Table.

He *alſo* reported that the ſaid *Committee* had had under their Conſideration two Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Edward Weſtmore*, Keeper of the Publick Gaol, for a Continuance of the additional Salary of £15 *per Annum*, enjoyed by his Predeceſſors, be rejected.

Reſolved, that *Iſrael Chriſtian* ought to pay to the Treaſurer, for the Uſe of the Publick, the Reſidue of the Account referred laſt Seſſion, being for ſundry Indian Goods belonging to the Publick, which were received by him of *William Ingles*, amounting to £65. 16. 3, as aſcertained by the Committeee appointed for that Purpoſe.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of the Juſtices and Inhabitants of *Amelia* County to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition, praying that the ſaid County of *Amelia* may be divided by the Line therein expreſſed, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Thurſday, the 11th of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order a Bill To empower the Executors of *Charles Carter*, late of *King George*, to ſell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To explain the Act entitled, *An Act*[a] *preſcribing the Method of proving Book Debts* was committed reported that the ſaid Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto: which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

He *alſo* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have been prevented from recording Deeds, and other Inſtruments, within the

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[a] Hening, IV, p. 327.

the Time prefcribed by Law, by the Occafion of the Courts of Juftice during the Confufion lately created by the Act of Parliament for impofing Stamp Duties in *America;* and the faid Bill was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances reported that the Committee had had under their Confideration the Petition of *Robert Tucker* to them referred, and had come to the following Refolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houfe, as follows:

Refolved, That the Petition of *Robert Tucker*, Gentleman, praying that he may be exempted from the Payment of the Duties by Law impofed on 66 Hogfheads of Rum, containing 6600 Gallons and of 9 Pipes of *Madeira* Wine, containing 900 Gallons, which were duly entered at the Cuftom Houfe, and deftroyed by Fire in the faid *Tucker's* Warehoufe, and that he be allowed in his Account with the Naval Officer where the fame was entered the Sum of £125, being the Amount of the faid Duties, is reafonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inftruction to *Wilfon Miles Cary*, Efqr; Naval Officer of the Lower Diftrict of *James* River, with whom the faid Liquors are bonded, to give Credit to the faid *Tucker* for the faid Sum of £125; and that the Treafurer be directed to make an Allowance to the faid *Cary* for the fame, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

A *Petition* of Mr *Henry Fry*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Edward Carter*, to ferve as a Burgefs in this prefent General Affembly, for the County of *Albemarle*, was prefented to the Houfe and read.

Ordered, That the faid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; that they examine into the Allegation thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houfe.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Confideration the Petition of *John McLanachan*, and others, to them referred, and had come to the following Refolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houfe, as follows:

Refolved, That the Petition of *John McLanachan*, and other Officers, who ferved as Volunteers from this Colony under Colo *Bouquet*, on an Expedition againft the *Shawanefe* and *Delaware* Indians, is reafonable, and that the faid *John McLanachan*, *Charles Lewis*, *Walter Cunningham*, *Alexander McLanachan*, *John Lewis*, *James Ward*, *John Man*, *William Bafkin*, and *John Murray*, be allowed the Sum of £40 each, as an Acknowledgment of their Merit, and the extraordinary Service they rendered to this Colony by their gallant Behaviour on the faid Expedition, but not as Pay, they being not entitled thereto, as they were not appointed to the faid Service by the Directions of the General Affembly.

Ordered, That it be an Inftruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purfuant to the above Refolution.

He *alfo* reported, from the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances, according to Order, a Bill For dividing the County of *Amelia*; and the faid Bill was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houfe to refolve itfelf into a Committee to take into their Confideration the Bill To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Refolved, That this Houfe will refolve itfelf into the faid Committee on *Monday* the 16th of *March* next.

An engroffed *Bill* entitled *An Act*[1] *to empower Truftees to fell and convey certain Lands whereof* Charles Carter *the Elder is feized as Tenant in Fee Taille and for other Purpofes*, was read a third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Munford* do carry the faid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 218.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill for continuing an Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee Tomorrow.

Mr *Thomſon Maſon* reported that the Committee had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor, with the Addreſs of this Houſe, to cauſe Copies of the late Treaſurer's Bonds to be laid before this Houſe, and that he was pleaſed to deliver to them the Copies of five Bonds, which were all that had been taken during his Adminiſtration, and to ſay that he knew nothing of thoſe which had been entered into prior to his Arrival into this Colony.

A *Bill* To empower *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain entailed Lands, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, Mr *Syme*, and the Members of *Accomack* and *Northampton*.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſame To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Friday, the 12th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Norfolk* praying that the Act of Aſſembly paſſed about the Year 1757, whereby the Juſtices of the ſaid County were empowered to agree with Perſons to keep the Publick Ferries over the three Branches of *Elizabeth* River, and over *Tanner's* Creek, and to levy the Expenſe thereof on the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, may be repealed; and that the ſaid Juſtices may be empowered to hire Perſons to keep the Ferry Ferriage free, on General Muſters and Court Days, and levy the Expenſe thereof on the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill* For eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[2] to amend ſo much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[3] to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[4] to veſt certain entailed Lands in *Ralph Wormeley*, Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof, *without any Amendments.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 195. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 230.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[1] for further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair, *with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

Alſo that the Council had paſſed a Bill *entitled* An Act[2] to amend an Act entitled An Act concerning Juries, *to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That all the Money Claims, which have been conſidered by the Committee of Claims, be reported diſtinct from the Book of Claims.

On a *Motion* made,

The Houſe proceeded to the Settlement of the Salaries of the Officers of the General Aſſembly, and the reſpective Allowances were made.

A *Petition* of the Reverend Mr *James Semple*, praying an Allowance for the Time he officiated during the abſence of the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* Chaplain to this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £20 be allowed to the ſaid Mr *Semple*, for his ſaid Services.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed to burn the Treaſury Notes, which were directed to be burnt by Act of Aſſembly, be allowed £50 each for their Trouble therein.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Publick Treaſury, reported that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and agreed upon a Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Your *Committee*, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, repaired to the Treaſury Office, deſigning to begin and proſecute their Examination with the utmoſt Care and Diligence; but being informed that the Repreſentatives of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; late Treaſurer of *Virginia*, were engaged in ſtating his Accounts from the Treaſury Books and Papers, your Committee judged it moſt prudent not to interrupt that neceſſary Work, hoping that the ſaid Accounts, if properly adjuſted, would greatly facilitate their Inquiry.

The *Accounts* being ſtated in ſuch Manner as the Adminiſtrators thought fit, and laid before the Houſe, were by a ſubſequent Order referred to your Committee.

Your *Committee* beg Leave to inform the Houſe that the late Treaſurer's Accounts, ſettled in the laſt Seſſion of the late General Aſſembly, were brought down to the 10th Day of *October*, 1764; but many Errors and Omiſſions having been dicovered in his Account of the Land and Poll Tax, and the Tax on Wheel Carriages, his Adminiſtrators very properly recurred back to the Month of *April*, in the Year 1755, the Time when the firſt Taxes became payable, and from that Period proceeded to ſtate the Accounts of his Receipts and Diſburſements to the 24th of *May* laſt, when the preſent Treaſurer came into Office. As to the other Taxes, the Account of them is taken up from the laſt Settlement.

Your *Committee* has with the utmoſt Preciſion they were able, examined the ſaid Account, and compared them with the original Books and Vouchers in the Office, and humbly give it as their Opinion that the ſame are juſtly and fairly ſtated, except a few ſmall Errors, which will be rectified in their future Inquiry, when any other Miſtakes remaining may alſo be diſcovered and properly adjuſted.

It appeared to your *Committee*, by a Certificate of the Committee appointed to burn the Treaſury Notes that at the Death of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; only £8297. 12. 9 remained in the Treaſury; that £6097. 7, Part thereof was burnt by the ſaid Committee; and £2218. 5. 9, the Balance, was paid to the preſent Treaſurer; ſo that according to the ſaid Accounts, as now ſtated, there remains due from the late Treaſurer the following Balances, that is to ſay: On the publick Account £3388. 18. 2; for Money received of the Sheriffs for the Land and Poll Tax, Tax on Wheel Carriages, the Inſpectors of Publick Warehouſes

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 192. [2] Not recorded as a law.

Warehouſes for the 2/ Duty on Tobacco, the County Court Clerks for Writs and Ordinary Licenſes, and for the additional Duty on Slaves, £95, 827. 16.5; on the Fund appropriated for the Indian Trade, £2500; amounting in the Whole to £101, 716. 14. 7. There appears the following Balances due to the late Treaſurer, on Account of Bills of Exchange, and publick Tobacco, £554. 10. 1; on the burnt Tobacco Notes, £304. 12. 4; and for the Notes bearing Intereſt, £96. 4. 9; amounting in the Whole, to £955. 7. 2; which, being deducted from the above Sum, leaves a Balance due to the Publick of £100,761. 7. 5.

Your *Committee* begs Leave further to repreſent to the Houſe that many Sheriffs, Inſpectors, and County Court Clerks, appear greatly in Arrear, ſome of them not having rendered any Accounts for ſeveral Years, and others having made but partial Settlements; that from the Accounts returned to the Treaſury there appears due at this Time from the Sheriffs and Inſpectors a conſiderable Sum, which your Committee is of Opinion ought to be recovered by the moſt ſpeedy and effectual Methods.

It likewiſe appears, by the ſaid Accounts, that the Country is charged with the late Treaſurer's Commiſſions on the Receipts of ſeveral Sums of Money ariſing from each particular Fund; but whether, under the preſent Circumſtances of the Affairs of the Treaſury, this is juſt or reaſonable, or whether the late Treaſurer's Eſtate ought to be accountable for any and what Intereſt on the ſeveral Sums of Money miſapplied, or made Uſe of by him contrary to Law, is humbly ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Your *Committee* would have proſecuted their Inquiry into every particular Article, as directed by the Order of the Houſe: This they conceive would have been the moſt likely Means of correcting every Error, doing Juſtice, and giving the deſired Satiſfaction to the Publick; but as the ſtating thoſe ſeveral Matters in a proper and diſtinct Manner muſt neceſſarily require more Time than the advanced Seaſon of the Year, and the approaching Adjournment, will admit of, they take the Liberty of recommending to the Houſe that your Committee be allowed to proceed on that Buſineſs during the Receſs of the Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

Mr *Eyre*, from the Perſons to whom the Bill To empower *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain entailed Lands, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes was committed, reported that the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and found the Allegations are true, and had made an Amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed and read a third Time.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe the Memorial of the Adminiſtrators with the Will annexed, of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; which he delivered in at the Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That on examining the Books and Papers of the ſaid *John Robinſon* in their Hands, they have diſcovered that the large Balance of £100,761. 7. 5, now ſtated and found due from him as Treaſurer of this Colony, for Taxes received by him, was re-emitted and lent out to ſundry Perſons, from whom the ſame is now due, as his outſtanding Debts amount to the Sum of £105,000, of which, however, the Memorialiſts think about the Sum of £12,000 will prove deſperate, and be loſt.

That, beſides the ſaid outſtanding Debts, the Eſtate of which the ſaid *John Robinſon* died ſeized and poſſeſſed conſiſts of about 4000 Acres of Land, where he lived, in the County of *King* and *Queen*, about 3200 Acres on *Morocoſick*, in that County and *Caroline*, about 6500 Acres in the County of *Spotſylvania*, about 4250 Acres in the County of *Hanover*, 1200 Acres in the County of *King William*, ſome Houſes and Lots in the City of *Williamſburg*, and about 400 Acres of Land in the County of *James City*, all which Lands may be reaſonably eſtimated at the Value of £11,000; beſides which he is intereſted one third Part in ſome Lands and Slaves employed in working a Lead Mine in the County of *Auguſta*, and the whole of thoſe Lands and Slaves are bound to reimburſe him the Sum of £8000, advanced for carrying on the ſaid Works; and is alſo intereſted

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in one Share in the *Difmal Swamp*, and fome Slaves employed in draining the fame; that he died poffeffed of about 400 Slaves, and a confiderable perfonal Eftate.

That the private Debts due from the faid *John Robinfon*, as far as the Memorialifts have hitherto been informed, amount to about £3500, and his Engagements, as Security for others, to about £20,000, of which they believe his Eftate muft pay and fuftain the Lofs of a confiderable Sum, which they cannot point out with Precifion, as it depends on unforefeen Events.

From this View of the Eftate of the faid *John Robinfon*, and the feveral Bonds which have been laid before this Houfe, as given by him for the due and faithful Execution, of his Office of Treafurer, in which good and fufficient Security appears to have been given, in Penalties to the Amount of £190,000 your Memorialifts prefume it will appear that the Publick have fufficient Security ultimately to make good any Deficiency in the Treafury; and they beg Leave to affure the Houfe that they will ufe their beft Endeavour to raife the Balance due to the Colony, with all imaginable Expedition: But from the diftreffed Situation of the Country, and the great Scarcity of Money among us, they are too apprehenfive they cannot effect the fame fo foon as the Nature of the Cafe requires; and that fhould they, in Order to that End, ufe rigorous Meafures to enforce hafty and precipitate Sales of the Eftate of the Debtors, and alfo fell in that Manner the Eftate of the faid *John Robinfon*, they are humbly of Opinion that fuch Steps, at the fame Time that it muft involve many Families in Ruin, would be fo far from anfwering the End which might be expected that it would be the Means of defeating it, as Eftates fold in that Manner, and under fuch Circumftances, might not raife near the Balance due to the Publick, though greatly exceeding it in their real Value.

That your *Memorialifts* hope they fhall be able, without introducing thofe Mifchiefs, to collect and pay into the Treafury annually, in each of the three fucceeding Years one third Part of the faid Balance, fo as to effect the Payment of the whole by *October* 1769, the Time appointed for the final Redemption of the Treafury Notes, in Cafe the Houfe fhall approve thereof, as the beft Means that can be adopted in this unlucky fituation of Things.

Your *Memorialifts* further beg Leave to repreſent that the faid *John Robinfon* in Order to fecure the Repayment of fundry Sums of Money by him lent, at fome Times really purchafed Lands and Slaves, and had Poffeffion thereof, and in other Inftances took abfolute Conveyances of Lands and Slaves, without any Claufe of Redemption, although the fame was intended only as Security, and the Donors remained in Poffeffion. That if, as is probable, it fhould be neceffary to fell any Part of the Eftate of the faid *John Robinfon* for Payment of thefe Debts as the Son and Heir of the faid *John Robinfon* is an Infant, the Memorialifts will be obliged, in a regular Courfe of Adminiftration, to fell firft the perfonal Eftate, and then the Slaves; by which Means not only the whole Lands will be left a Burthen upon the Heir, but among them will be included feveral detached Tracts, which ought to be confidered only as pledged for Money, though abfolutely conveyed as before mentioned, and fhould be turned into Money to pay the Debts.

They therefore fubmit this their Memorial to the moft ferious Conſideration of the Houfe, and humbly hope their Propofal will be accepted of, as to the Mode and Time of raifing the Balance due to the Publick; and that an Act may pafs to enable them to fell fuch Parts of the real and perfonal Eftate of the faid *John Robinfon* as to them fhall feem neceffary, and moft convenient for his Creditors and Family.

Ordered, That the faid Memorial do lie on the Table.

An engroffed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[1] *for dividing the County of* Halifax *and Parifh of* Antrim, *and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Coles* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroffed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[2] *to explain the Act entitled An Act prefcribing the Method*

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 205.

[2] Not recorded as a law.

Method of proving Book Debts, was read the third Time; and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill do paſs.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill For further continuing the Act entitled *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill on *Monday* the 16th Day of *March next.*

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Saturday, the 13th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Thomas Railey*, and the Claim of *Walter Coles*, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Thomas Railey* is reaſonable, and that he ought to be allowed by the Publick the ſum of £10 for the Mare in his Petition mentioned, and the further Sum of £1. 10. 0 for his Saddle and Bridle loſt at the ſame Time.

Reſolved, That the Claim of *Walter Coles*, for eleven Barrels of Corn, and a Hogſhead received by Capt *John Winn* for the Uſe of the Militia, is reaſonable, and that he ought to be allowed by the Publick the Sum of £5. 14. 0 for the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the above Reſolutions.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill For eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed reported that the ſaid Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

An engroſſed *Bill* entitled *An Act*[2] *for annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Lands of* Lunenburg *Pariſh, in the County of* Richmond, *by way of Donation*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of the Colony proceed with all poſſible Vigor and Diſpatch to bring to a Settlement the ſeveral Collectors of the Land and Poll Tax, and the Tax on Wheel Carriages, who are in Arrear to the Publick according to the Direction of the Laws for that Purpoſe provided.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[3] *to continue an Act entitled An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

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[1] Henrng, VIII, p. 69. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 204. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Henry Fry*, Gentleman, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Edward Carter*, Gentleman, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Albemarle* and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned either by the Petitioner or ſitting Member, be examined on Oath before *Arthur Hopkins*, *William Burton*, *John Weir*, *Henry Martin*, *Nicholas Mariwether*, *John Henderſon*, Junr, *Moſias Jones*, *Iſaac Davis*, Gentlemen, or any five of them, of the ſaid County of *Albemarle*, whether they be Freeholders or not.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before the ſame Perſons, as to the Freeholds, or other Qualifications, of any Perſon who voted at the ſaid Election, or ſhall ſwear to the ſame at the Examination; and that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons before whom ſuch Examinations are to be taken to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quitrents for, the Lands or Tenements in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depoſitions they ſhall take before the 19th Day of *March* next.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner give the ſitting Member ten Days Notice of the Time and Place when and where he intends to examine his Witneſs, alſo a Liſt in writing of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, diſtinguiſhing againſt each Name the ſeveral Heads of Exception, and that the ſitting Member do the like; and that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the ſaid 19th Day of *March* next.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to, as follows:

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs and Repreſentation be preſented to his Majeſty, ſetting forth that as in Conſequence of the Royal Inſtructions, and of Encouragements given by ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly of this Colony, to promote the Settlements on the Waters of the *Miſſiſſippi*, ſundry Perſons have formerly, at great Expenſe and Trouble, tranſplanted themſelves from other Parts and ſettled on thoſe Lands, having either obtained Patents for the ſame, or ſuch Grants as by the Rules of Government entitle them to Patents, ſuch ſettlers cannot be deprived of their Lands, or compelled to remove from the ſame, conſiſtent with the Publick Faith, engaged by thoſe Inſtructions and Laws.

And that it will be greatly for his Majeſty's Service, and the Intereſt of this Colony, to continue Encouragements for promoting Settlements on all the Lands ſituated between *Penſylvania* to the North, the River *Ohio* to the Weſt, and *North Carolina* to the South; within which Limits is contained a large Extent of rich fertile Lands, great Part of which are not claimed by any Tribe of *Indians*, none of it inhabited by them, and little uſed as their Hunting Grounds, their Right to which we have Reaſon to believe they would readily cede to his Majeſty, and conſent to the Settlement thereof by *Britiſh* Subjects.

And to deſire that he will be graciouſly pleaſed not only to recind his Royal Proclamation, requiring all Perſons to remove from their Lands within thoſe Limits, but alſo to give Directions to his Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief here, that Grants for thoſe Lands may be made to all Adventurers in the uſual and accuſtomed Manner, and that all Offices may be opened for that Purpoſe, according to our Laws, and the Rules of Government.

Ordered,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be prepared, agreeable to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr *Blair*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Cary*, according to Order, reported that the Committee of Claims had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Claims for executed Slaves, and ſundry other Articles againſt the Publick, and had drawn up and ſtated an Account thereof; which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

On a *Motion* made,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Memorial of the Adminiſtrators, with the Will annexed, of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; and alſo his Accounts as Treaſurer.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the ſaid Committee had come to a Reſolution thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That his Honor the Governor be addreſſed, to order his Majeſty's Attorney General to bring Suits on the Bonds given by *John Robinſon* Eſqr; late Treaſurer of this Colony, and his Securities for the due Execution of the Office of Treaſurer, for the Recovery of the Balance due from the ſaid *John Robinſon* to this Colony.

Mr *Bland* alſo reported that the ſaid Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Memorial and Accounts on *Thurſday* the 19th Day of *March* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* have Leave to be abſent until the 25th Inſtant.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday, the 15th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

AN abſent *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[1] for dividing the County of *Halifax*, and Pariſh of *Antrim*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendments.*

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[2] to empower Truſtees to ſell and convey certain Lands whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purpoſes, *with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That on the Writs to be iſſued againſt the Sureties of the late Treaſurer, Directions be endorſed that the Officers do not require common Bail for the Appearance of the Defendants.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed to examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Militia, and alſo the Accounts of the ſaid Commiſſioners for their Attendance and travelling on that Service, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 205.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 218.

delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That Major *George Wilſon*, of the *Hampſhire* Militia, being ordered to viſit the Poſt on *Loſt* River by Col° *Stephen*, ought to be allowed for that Service ſix Days Pay as a Major.

Reſolved, That Lieutenant *Henry Aſhby*, named in the ſaid Report, being ordered out on emergent Occaſions, and not having Time to raiſe the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Pay as Lieutenant, according to the Direction of the Invaſion Act, but ſerved at different Times 44 Days with 18 private Men under his Command, ought to be allowed the Difference between the Pay of a Lieutenant and an Enſign, the latter being already allowed for his Services by the ſaid Commiſſioners.

Reſolved, That Enſign *James Jones*, who ſerved under the ſaid *Aſhby* 73 Days, ought to be allowed the Difference between the Pay of an Enſign and a Serjeant, the latter being already allowed for his Services by the ſaid Commiſſioners.

Reſolved, That Lieutenant *Abraham Killer*, named in the ſaid Report, being ordered out on emergent Occaſions, and not having Time to raiſe the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Pay as Lieutenant, according to the Direction of the Invaſion Act, but ſerved at different Times 21 Days, with 16 private Men under his Command ought to be allowed the Pay of a Lieutenant for his ſaid Services.

Reſolved, That Captain *Jeremiah Odell*, who ſerved at different Times 20 Days, with 13 private Men under his Command, being ordered out on emergent Occaſions, and not having Time to raiſe the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Captain's Pay, according to the Direction of the Invaſion Act, ought to be allowed the Pay of a Captain for his ſaid Services.

Reſolved, That Captain *Abraham Denton*, who ſerved 14 Days with 22 private Men under his Command, being ordered out on emergent Occaſions, and not having Time to raiſe the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Captain's Pay, according to the Direction of the Invaſion act, ought to be allowed the Pay of a Captain for his ſaid Services.

Reſolved, That Captain *Charles Lynch*, who ſerved 12 Days, with 18 private Men under his Command, being ordered out on emergent Occaſions, and not having Time to raiſe the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Captain's Pay, according to the Direction of the Invaſion Act, ought to be allowed the Pay of a Captain for his ſaid Services.

Reſolved, That Lieutenant *Edward Cartmill*, who ſerved 8 Days, with 26 private Men under his Command, ought to be allowed the Pay of a Lieutenant for his ſaid Services.

Reſolved, That Captain *John M°Culloch*, who had a Negroe Man Slave enliſted in his Company, and wholly employed as a Soldier 182 Days, ought not to be allowed Pay for the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Commiſſioners appointed for ſettling the Accounts of the Militia, be allowed the ſeveral Sums hereafter mentioned for their reſpective Services.

William Green, Gentleman, for 23 Days Attendance at, and 2 Days for going to, and 2 Days returning from *Winchester*, the Sum of £27.

James Hamilton, Gentleman, for 20 Days Attendance at, and 1 Day for going to, and 1 Day for returning from *Winchester*, the Sum of £22.

Thomas Marſhall, Gentleman, for 23 Days Attendance at, and 1 Day for going to and 1 Day for returning from *Winchester*, the Sum of £25.

Richard Lee, Gentleman, for 23 Days Attendance at, and 9 Days for going to and returning from *Winchester*, the Sum of £32.

Archibald Cary, Gentleman, for 19 Days Attendance at, and going to and returning from *Albemarle* Court-Houſe, the Sum of £19.

William Cabell, Gentleman, for 13 Days Attendance at, and going to and returning from *Albemarle* Court-Houſe, the Sum of £13.

George Carrington, Gentleman, for 7 Days Attendance at, and going to and returning from *Albemarle* Court-Houſe, the Sum of £7.

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Thomas Walker, Gentleman, for 3 Days Attendance at *Albemarle* Court-Houſe, the Sum of £3.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, praying that the uſual Salary granted to the Publick Printer may be continued to him, and that the ſame may commence with his Duty upon the Adjournment of the Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £375 *per Annum* be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to commence the firſt Day of *January* next, and to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing the Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending as Many Copies to the County Court Clerks as there are acting Juſtices in the Commiſſion in each reſpective County, and one other (which is to be half bound) for the Uſe of the Court, and ten to the Clerk of the Court of Huſtings in the City of *Williamſburg* and the Borough of *Norfolk;* printing Inſpectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and other publick Advertiſements.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of Claims which was on *Saturday* laſt ordered to lie on the Table, containing the Money Claims; and the ſame was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Officers Salaries, the Allowances to the Reverend Mr *Semple*, and the Commiſſioners for burning Paper Money, ſettled on *Friday* laſt, and to ſundry Militia Claimants, and to the Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the Militia Accounts, agreeable to the Report from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, which was this Day ordered to lie on the Table be added to the ſaid Report; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *Henry*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, and Mr *Wythe*, do wait on his Honor the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe to order Suits to be commenced againſt the late Treaſurer, and his Securities, agreeable to the Reſolutions agreed to on *Saturday* laſt.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the enrolled Bills, of the following Perſons: Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Willis Riddick*, Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Tunſtall*, Mr *William Cabell*, and Mr *Carrington*.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Attorney General be directed, when he hath obtained Judgments upon the Bonds given by *John Robinſon*, the late Treaſurer of this Colony, and his Securities, not to iſſue Executions upon the ſaid Judgments againſt the Securities for any larger Sum or Sums than the ſaid *John Robinſon's* Eſtate ſhall fall ſhort of ſatiſfying to the Publick, it being the Opinion of this Houſe that the ſaid Securities ſhall not be made liable for more than the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Robinſon* ſhall prove deficient.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Prince George*, ſetting forth that of good Years there are conſiderably upwards of 7000 Hogſhead of Tobacco taken at the ſeveral Warehouſes of *Peterſburg*, *Bollingbrook*, and *Blandford*, a Quantity too great for the Inſpectors duly and carefully to inſpect with that Deſpatch which is requiſite; and praying that another Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of *Patrick Ramſay*, in the Town of *Blandford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A *Bill* For the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have been prevented from recording Deeds and other Inſtruments, within the Time preſcribed by Law, by the Occluſion of the Courts of Juſtice during the Confuſion lately created by the Act of Parliament for impoſing Stamp Duties in *America*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[1] *to empower* Nathaniel Littleton Savage, *Gentleman*,

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 222.

man, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain entailed Lands, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *William Cabell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until the 12th of *March* next, and Mr *Carrington* until the 10th of *April* next.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill entitled *An Act*[1] *to empower Truſtees to ſell and convey certain Lands whereof* Charles Carter *the Elder is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purpoſes;* and the ſame being read, were agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[2] *to veſt certain entailed Lands in* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge, *Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling Slaves in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Syme* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Bill* To empower the Executors of *Charles Carter*, late of *King George*, to ſell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill entitled *An Act*[3] *for further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair*, and the ſame being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[4] *concerning Juries which was ſent down from the Council to this Houſe*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The ſaid *Bill* was read a ſecond Time; and the Queſtion put that the ſaid Bill do paſs.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[5] *for eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[6] *to dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof* Robert Beverley, *Eſqr; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday, the 16th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR. *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration an Account of *William Preſton*, for certain Services therein mentioned and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *William Preſton* be allowed the Sum of £100, in full of his Services,

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 218.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 224.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 192.
[4] Not recorded as a law.
[5] Hening, VIII, p. 103.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 227.

Services, as well for travelling to and from *Williamſburg* for Money, as for paying and diſtributing the ſame to the ſeveral Companies of Militia.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be directed to allow the ſaid Sum of £100 to the ſaid *Preſton*, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[1] *to empower the Executors of* Charles Carter, *late of* King George, *to ſell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entitled *An Act*[2] *for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have been prevented from recording Deeds and other Inſtruments, within the Time preſcribed by Law, by the Occluſion of the Courts of Juſtice, during the Confuſion lately created by the Act of Parliament for impoſing Stamp Duties in* America, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomſon Maſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[3] for eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[4] to continue an Act entitled An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[5] to veſt certain entailed Lands in *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge*, Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling Slaves in Lieu thereof.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[6] for annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of *Lunenburg* Pariſh, in the County of *Richmond*, by way of Donation.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[7] to empower the Executors of *Charles Carter*, late of *King George*, to ſell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[8] to empower *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain entailed Lands, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.

Alſo to the Bill *entitled* An Act[9] to dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverley*, Eſqr; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.

Alſo to the Schedule containing ſundry Money Claims.

Alſo to the Amendments of this Houſe, propoſed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill *entitled* An Act[10] to empower Truſtees to ſell and convey certain Lands whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purpoſes.

Alſo to the Reſolve *for paying the Printer, without any Amendments.*

And that they have agreed to the Bill *entitled* An Act[11] for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have been prevented from recording Deeds, and other Inſtruments, within the Time preſcribed by Law, by the Occluſion of the Courts of Juſtice during the Confuſion lately created by the Act of Parliament for impoſing Stamp Duties in *America, with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments; and the ſame being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomſon Maſon* do go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

Mr *Henry* informed the Houſe that the Perſons appointed had according to Order, waited on the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, to deſire that he would direct that Suits ſhould be brought againſt the late Treaſurer's Adminiſtrators and his Securities, and that he was pleaſed to ſay that he would give Directions that the ſaid Suits ſhould be commenced immediately.

Sundry Militia *Claims* were preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered,

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 214.
2 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 199.
3 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 193.
4 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.
5 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 224.
6 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 204.
7 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 214.
8 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 222.
9 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 227.
10 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 218.
11 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 199.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Cary* reported that the Committee had, according to Order, examined the enrolled Bills, had rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have inſpected the enrolled Bills, and are ſatiſfied they are truly enrolled.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills and Reſolves as are ready for his Aſſent.

Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up accordingly; and his Honor the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following publick and private Acts:

1. *An Act*[1] *for further continuing the Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act.*

2. [2]*To continue an Act entitled An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.*

3. [3]*To continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers.*

4. [4]*To continue an Act entitled An Act to oblige the Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty.*

5. [5]*For amending and further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair.*

6. [6]*An Act For eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

7. [7]*To amend ſo much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward.*

8. [8]*To continue an Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees.*

9. [9]*For leſſening the Allowance for the Inſpection of Flour.*

10. [10]*For continuing the Act entitled An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.*

11. [11]*For the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have been prevented from recording Deeds, and other Inſtruments, within the Time preſcribed by Law, by the Occluſion of the Courts of Juſtices during the Confuſion lately created by the Act of Parliament for impoſing Stamp Duties in* America.

12. [12]*For continuing an Act entitled An Act for increaſing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed.*

13. [13]*To direct the Collection of the Taxes in the Counties of* King George *and* Buckingham *for the Year* 1766, *and of the publick Levy in the County of* Fauquier *for the Year* 1765.

14. [14]*An Act To empower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Truro, *in the County of* Fairfax, *to ſell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

15. [15]*For annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of* Lunenburg *Pariſh, in the County of* Richmond, *by Way of Donation.*

16. [16]*For dividing the County of* Halifax *and Pariſh of* Antrim, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

17. [17]*For adding Part of the County of* James City *to the County of* New Kent, *and Part of the County of* New Kent *to the County of* James City.

18. [18]*For giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

19. [19]*For appointing a Treaſury.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 189.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 191.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 192.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 193.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 195.
[8] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 197.
[9] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.
[10] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.
[11] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 199.
[12] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 200.
[13] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 201.
[14] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 202.
[15] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 204.
[16] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 205.
[17] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 208.
[18] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 210.
[19] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 211.

20. *A Schedule containing ſundry Money Claims.*

21. [1]*To empower the Executors of* Charles Carter, *late of* King George, *to ſell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies.*

22. [2]*To veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof* George Carter, *Eſqr; died ſeized in Fee Simple, in certain Truſtees therein named, to be ſold for Performance of his Will.*

23. [3]*An Act To ſell and convey certain Lands, whereof* Charles Carter *the Elder is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purpoſes.*

24. [4]*To empower* Nathaniel Littleton Savage, *Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain entailed Lands, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

25. [5]*To veſt certain entailed Lands in* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge, *Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling Slaves in Lieu thereof.*

26. [6]*To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof* Robert Beverley, *Eſqr; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

27. [7]*To veſt certain entailed Lands in* Ralph Wormeley, *Eſqr; in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof.*

His Honor likewiſe gave his Aſſent to the following Reſolves:

1. That Mr *William Rind* be appointed the Publick Printer.

2. For allowing *William Rind* £375 for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

3. For allowing *Robert Donaldſon* the Sum of £5 *per Annum* during his Life.

Mr *Speaker* being returned, reported that he with the Houſe, had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, where his Honor had given his Aſſent to ſuch Bills and Reſolves as were ready, and was then pleaſed to ſignify to the Houſe of Burgeſſes that, upon conſidering the Seaſon of the Year, and the long Time they had ſat, he judged a Receſs would be agreeable, and that, unwilling to impede the Buſineſs of the Seſſion by a Prorogation, he thought it expedient to direct them to adjourn themſelves to *Thurſday* the 12th of *March* next.

Ordered, That the Houſe be adjourned to *Thurſday* the 12th of *March* next.

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 214.
2 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 215.
3 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 218.
4 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 222.
5 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 224.
6 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 227.
7 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 230.

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Accomack	*Thomas Parramore Southey Simpſon
Albemarle	Thomas Walker Edward Carter
Amelia	Thomas Tabb Robert Munford
Amherſt	*William Cabell, Jr. *Cornelius Thomas
Auguſta	*John Wilſon *William Preſton
Bedford	*John Talbot *James Callaway
Brunſwick	William Thornton Frederick Maclin
Buckingham	Joſeph Cabell *Samuel Jordan
Caroline	Edmund Pendleton Walker Taliaferro
Charles City	Benjamin Harriſon *William Acrill
Charlotte	*Clement Reade *Paul Carrington
The College	John Blair
Cheſterfield	Archibald Cary *Seth Ward
Culpeper	*John Field Thomas Slaughter
Cumberland	John Fleming *Alexander Trent
Dinwiddie	Robert Bolling John Baniſter
Elizabeth City	George Wythe *Wilſon Miles Cary
Eſſex	John Lee *Francis Waring
Fairfax	George Waſhington John Weſt
Fauquier	*Thomas Harriſon *Thomas Marſhall
Frederick	Robert Rutherford James Wood
Glouceſter	John Page Thomas Whiting
Goochland:	John Payne John Bolling
Halifax	Walter Coles *Edward Booker
Hampſhire	Thomas Rutherford James Mercer
Hanover	John Syme Samuel Meredith
Henrico	Richard Randolph *Bowler Cocke, Jr.
Iſle of Wight	*Dolphin Drew *James Bridger
James City	Lewis Burwell Robert Carter Nicholas
Jameſtown	Edward Ambler
King George	Charles Carter William Robinſon
King and Queen	George Brooke Richard Tunſtall
King William	Carter Braxton Henry Gaines
Lancaſter	Robert Mitchell Charles Carter
Loudoun	Francis L. Lee *James Hamilton
Louiſa	Patrick Henry, Jr. Richard Anderſon
Lunenburg	*William Taylor *Henry Blagrave
Mecklenburg	*Henry Delaney *Robert Munford
Middleſex	*John Smith *Gawin Corbin
Nanſemond	*Lemuel Riddick *Willis Riddick
New Kent	Burwell Baſſett William Clayton
Norfolk	Thomas Newton, Jr. Robert Tucker, Jr.
Norfolk Borough	*Joſeph Hutchings
Northampton	John Harmanſon Severn Eyre
Northumberland	Spencer Ball Thomas Gaſkins
Orange	*James Walker *Zachariah Burnley
Princeſs Anne	Edward Hack Moſeley Robert Ballard
Prince Edward	*Peter Le Grand *Nathaniel Venable

*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.

Prince George	Richard Bland Alexander Bolling	Surry	*Hartwell Cocke *Thomas Bailey
Prince William	Henry Lee *Foufhee Tebbs	Suffex	*David Mafon *John Edmonds
Richmond	John Woodbridge *Landon Carter	Warwick	*William Harwood William Digges
Southampton	*Jofeph Gray *Benjamin Symmons	Weftmoreland	Richard Henry Lee Richard Lee
Spotfylvania	*Benjamin Grymes Fielding Lewis	Williamfburg	*Peyton Randolph
Stafford	John Alexander Thomfon Mafon	York	Dudley Digges Thomas Nelfon, Jr.

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Thursday, the 12th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

THE Houſe met this Day according to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Houſe be adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday, the 13th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

ON a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That a Call of the Houſe be on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday, the 16th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

SEVERAL new *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, in Oppoſition to a Petition from the ſaid County, praying a Diviſion thereof, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of *Prince George* County and others, praying, That the Inſpection at *Hood's* may be re-eſtabliſhed.

Alſo a *Memorial* of ſundry Merchants, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies that attend the Adminiſtration of Juſtice in the County Courts, and the Situation of the Gaols in the reſpective Counties, and praying ſome Regulation therein.

Alſo a *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants, of *Elizabeth City* County, praying, That a Road may be eſtabliſhed through the Lands of *Francis Mallory* or *Henry Allen*, *John Jones*, *Nicholas Wilſon Curle;* and that a Bridge may be built over *Back* River.

Alſo a *Petition* of *James Crane* of *Northumberland* County praying, That Merchants, living at or near the Court Houſes in this Colony, may be reſtrained from retailing Liquors at public Times or Court Days, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions and Memorial be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Starke*, ſetting forth, That he is ſeized in Fee Tail of 350 Acres of Land, in the County of *Prince George* and Pariſh of *Briſtol*, and praying that an act

may pafs to impower him to fell the fame, upon paying £1000, to be laid out on Lands and Slaves, to be fettled to the fame Ufes, was prefented to the Houfe and read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purfuant to the Prayer of the faid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Alexander Bolling*, to prepare and bring in the fame.

A *Petition* of *John Hall* and *Anne* his Wife, fetting forth, That they are feized in Fee Tail of a Tract of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, containing 800 Acres, and no flaves to work the fame, whereby the faid Land is rather a Charge than an Advantage; and praying, That an Act may pafs to dock the Intail of the faid Land, and the Money arifing by fuch Sale, to be laid out in Land and Slaves, to the fame Ufes, was prefented to the Houfe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purfuant to the Prayer of the faid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Amelia*, to prepare and bring in the fame.

A *Bill* For dividing the County of *Amelia*, was read the fecond Time and committed to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Petition, in Oppofition to the Petition, for dividing the faid County of *Amelia*, that was this Day ordered to lie on the Table be committed to the faid Committee.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houfe to refolve itfelf into a Committee, to take into their Confideration, the Bill, For continuing the Act intituled,

An Act[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majefty's Cuftoms.*

Refolved, That this Houfe will refolve itfelf into the faid Committee on *Thurfday* next.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houfe to refolve itfelf into a Committee, to take into their Confideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Refolved, That this Houfe will refolve itfelf into a Committee on the faid Bill on *Thurfday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *James Mercer* be added to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances, Mr *Robert Rutherford*, and Mr *Thomas Rutherford* to the Committee of Claims, Mr *Wood* and Mr *Ballard* to the Committee for Courts of Juftice, and Mr *Robert Tucker*, to the Committee of Trade.

A *Bill*, For exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, and alſo the Miniſter, and other Pariſhioners, of *St. James's* Pariſh, in the faid County, from the Payment of Ferriage on *Sundays*, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Muſters, was read for the fecond Time.

Ordered, That the faid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houfe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday, the 17th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants, of the County of *Prince George*, and others, in Oppofition to a Petition from the faid County, praying, That the Inſpection at *Hood's* may be re-eſtabliſhed.

Alſo three *Petitions* of fundry Officers, who ſerved as Volunteers, in the Expedition againſt the *Shawaneſe* and *Delaware Indians* under the Command of Colo *Bouquet*, praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered

1 Hening, VI. p. 154.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Weſtmoreland*, *Richmond*, and *Northumberland*, in Oppoſition to a Petition preſented to this Houſe, praying, That the Warehouſes, called *Ruſt's*, on *Yeocomico* River, may be diſcontinued, and others erected at a Place called *Kinſale*, on the ſaid River, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported That they had had under their Conſideration the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Norfolk*, to them referred and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition, praying, That an Act paſſed in the thirty ſecond Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty *George* the Second, intituled *An Act*[1] *to impower the Juſtices, of the County of* Norfolk, *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expenſe thereof, upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County*, may be repealed, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the ſame.

He *alſo* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had had under their Conſideration, a Memorial and Petition to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Memorial of ſundry Merchants and Traders of this Colony, praying, That an Act may paſs to prevent the Eſcape of Debtors out of Priſon, and for the Puniſhment of all Perſons aiding or aſſiſting therein, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Freeholders Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, praying, That the ſaid County may not be divided, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

He *alſo* informed the Houſe, that the ſaid Committee had had under their conſideration, the Bill, For dividing the County of *Amelia*: but had made no Amendments thereto; and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be engroſſed and read a third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A *Petition* of *Junior Turner*, of the County of *James City*, ſetting forth, That in the Month of *September* laſt, *Lucy*, a Negroe Woman ſlave, belonging to him, was delivered of a Child that was found dead, and on Suſpicion of her having murdered the ſaid Child, was in a few Days apprehended, and committed to the Gaol of the County, by which Means ſhe catched a violent Cold, which occaſioned her Death, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Benedict Ruſt*, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe Man Slave, named *Morris*, that was committed to the Gaol of the ſaid County, on Suſpicion of his having adminiſtered poiſonous Medicines; and before he could be tried for the ſame, periſhed with Cold, and died in the ſaid Gaol.

Alſo a *Claim* of *William Cilby*, for a Gun that he had impreſſed for the Uſe of the *Culpeper* Militia, in the Year 1764, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions and Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the Houſe.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Return of Writs for electing Burgeſſes, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampſhire*; and

[1] Hening, VII, p. 152.

and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Returns of the ſaid Writs are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

A *Petition* of *Harry Beverley*, praying, That an Act may paſs to impower him to ſell Part of certain Lands, of which he is ſeized in Fee Tail; and with the Money ariſing thereupon, to purchaſe Slaves, to be annexed to his other entailed Lands, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Weſt*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for exempting the Inhabitants of* Mecklenburg *County, and alſo the Miniſter, and other Pariſhioners, of* St. James's *pariſh, in the ſaid County, from the Payment of Ferriage on* Sundays, *Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Muſters*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to levy in the Book of Claims, 4823 lbs. of Tobacco, for Mr *Thomas Rutherford*, for the Attendance of his Witneſſes, before the Commiſſioners in the County, on the Information formerly exhibited to this Houſe by the ſaid *Thomas Rutherford* againſt Colo *Adam Stephen*, as formerly ſettled by the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the State of the Colony, on *Tueſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 18th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To empower *George Parker* to pay a certain Sum of Money in Lieu of an Annuity charged on certain Slaves, whereof he is poſſeſſed; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The ſaid *Bill* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Sarah Swearingen*, of the County of *Frederick*, praying, That the Act of Aſſembly paſſed the former Part of this Seſſion for eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the Land of *Thomas Shepherd*, of the ſaid County, over the River *Potowmack*, to the Land ſuggeſted to be his in *Maryland*, on the oppoſite Side may be repealed.

Alſo a *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying a Diviſion thereof.

Alſo a *Petition*, in Oppoſition to a Petition, from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Elizabeth City*, praying, That a Road may be eſtabliſhed through the Lands of *Francis Mallory* or *Henry Allen*, *John Jones* and *Nicholas Wilſon Curle*; and that a Bridge may be built over *Back* River, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 257.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

A *Bill* To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.* Alſo one other Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for enlarging and aſcertaining the Limits of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration a Petition to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Colony, praying, That the Bridge over *Appomattox* River, from the Town of *Pocahontas*, in *Cheſterfield* County, to the Land of *Robert Bolling* in *Dinwiddie* County may be rebuilt, at the Charge of the Public, be rejected.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To repeal ſo much an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the twenty fifth Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act*[3] *for building a bridge over* Appomattox *River, by Subſcription, as relates to prohibit the Juſtices of the Counties of* Dinwiddie *and* Cheſterfield, *from building a Bridge, at the Place in the ſaid Act mentioned, at the Charge of the ſaid Counties;* and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor the Governor, to inform him that this Houſe have had under their Conſideration, a Petition, from the Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, praying a Diviſion thereof. On examining which, their Complaint appeared to be founded not on the extenſive Limits of the County, but the inconvenient Situation of their Court Houſe. And as we have in every Inſtance of his Honor's Adminiſtration, experienced his Readineſs to hear and redreſs any Grievance, and promote the Eaſe of the People, we think it our indiſpenſable Duty to lay this before him, and humbly to deſire that he will be pleaſed to direct the Court of the ſaid County, to be held for the future, at ſome Place near the Center of the County, and more convenient to the Inhabitants thereof.

Ordered, That Mr *Tabb*, Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Amelia*, and Mr *Bland*, do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported That they had had under their Conſideration, the Information againſt Lieut *Charles Smith*, to them referred; and no Perſon or Papers appearing to ſupport the ſaid Information, your Committee proceeded to the Conſideration of ſundry Depoſitions, taken at the Inſtance of the ſaid *Smith*, in his Defence, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Information is Groundleſs; that the ſaid *Smith* received the Wound in diſcharging his Duty, as an Officer, for which he receives an annual Allowance from the Public; and that the ſaid Allowance ought to be continued.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That Mr *Charles Smith* be reimburſed the Expence he has been at in defending the Information exhibited to this Houſe againſt him.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do ſettle and adjuſt the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Thurſday

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[1] Hening, VII, p. 510. [2] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 433. [3] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 293.

Thursday, the 19th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Petitions, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *James Crane* of *Northumberland* County, in Behalf of himſelf and other Ordinary Keepers, praying, That Merchants, keeping Stores at Court Houſes, may be reſtrained by Law from retailing any Liquor whatever on Court Days, or Days appointed for General Muſters, at the ſaid Court Houſes, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition, of *Thomas Waller*, praying to be allowed the Sum of £13. 14. 9, which was conſumed with his Houſe by Fire, on the firſt Day of *February* laſt, and which was received by his Father, lately deceaſed, Inſpector at *Walkerton* and *Waller's*, for the Uſe of the Public, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Merchants and Inhabitants of *Prince George*, and Counties thereto adjacent, praying, That Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, may be eſtabliſh at *Eaſt Cheap*, now the Property of *Theodorick Bland*, junr late the Property of *John Hood*, deceaſed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Prince George*, and other Counties, in Oppoſition thereto, is reaſonable.

The *firſt*, *third* and *fourth* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time; and the Queſtion being put that the Houſe agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

The *ſecond* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time,

Ordered, That the ſame be recommitted to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Louiſa*, praying, That an Act may paſs to ſuſpend the preſent Pickers of Tobacco, and to prohibit any others for the future, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To dock the Intail of 1800 Acres of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, whereof *Anne Hall*, Wife of *John Hall*, is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

He *alſo* reported, a Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *William Starke* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Monday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of 1800 Acres of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, whereof *Anne Hall*, Wife of *John Hall*, is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Amelia*, *Prince George*, and *Cheſterfield*.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *William Starke* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Prince George*, *Dinwiddie*, and *Amelia*.

On a *Motion* made.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*.

Friday, the 20th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

A *Petition* of Cap[t] *Hancock Euſtace*, ſetting forth, that ſome Years ago he petitioned the Aſſembly, praying to be redreſſed for ſome Loſſes he unfortunately ſuſtained in the Service of his Country; but that he happened to be in *Great Britain* at the Time his Petition was enquired into, and was laid aſide for Want of Proof; that he is now ready to produce Vouchers to his Claim, and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Alſo a *Claim* of *David Thompſon*, for Proviſions furniſhed the *Hampſhire* Militia.

Alſo a *Claim* of *Moſes Aſhbrooke*, for 5 Horſes employed 8 Days in carrying the Sick from *Fort Byrd* to *Cumberland*.

Alſo a *Claim* of *Daniel Richardſon*, for his Bounty omitted by Miſtake of the Commiſſioners, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the Petition and Claims be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Proprietors of the Ferries kept at *James Town* and *Swan Point*, praying, That the Rates of Ferriage may be increaſed.

Alſo two *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants, of the County of *James City*, praying, That the Line of their County, which was eſtabliſhed by Act of Aſſembly in the former Part of this Seſſion, may be altered.

Alſo an *Account* of *Abraham Smith*, for acting 52 Days as Major of the Militia, in *Auguſta*, by Order of Col[o] *Andrew Lewis*.

Alſo an *Account* of Col[o] *John M[c]Neill*, for acting 43 Days as Lieut[t] Col[o] of the Militia in *Auguſta* by Order of Col[o] *Andrew Lewis*, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions and Accounts be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

M[r] *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration, the Petition of M[r] *Henry Fry*, to them referred, complaining of the undue Election and return of M[r] *Edward Carter*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Albemarle*, and have agreed to the following Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

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On the Day appointed for the Hearing of the Petition, Mr *Fry* appeared before your Committee; and alledging that he had not gone through the Examination of his Witneſſes, deſired the Hearing might be put off to ſome future Time, that he might finiſh ſuch Examination; which your Committee did not think it reaſonable to grant, being of Opinion he had been allowed ſufficient Time for that Purpoſe; whereupon Mr *Fry* declaring that he could not further proſecute the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Edward Carter* is duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County of *Albemarle*.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, ſtated an Account of the Expenſes that Lieut *Charles Smith* had been at in defending the Information exhibited to this Houſe againſt him relative to his Penſion, and do find the ſame to amount to £26.10.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the ſaid Report.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *Thomas Buford*, and other Officers, who ſerved as Voluntiers, from this Colony, under Colo *Bouquet*, in an Expedition againſt the *Shawaneſe* and *Delaware* Indians, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Thomas Buford*, *John Field*, *Hankerſon Read*, *James Cowherd*, *Thomas Chizem*, *Richard Houghland*, *Henry Houghland*, *James Colvin*, *Hugh Stevenſon*, *Philip Roſs*, *Iſaac Cox*, and *Philip Barber*, be allowed the Sum of £40. each, as an Acknowledgment of their Merit, and the extraordinary Service they rendered to this Colony by their gallant Behaviour on the ſaid Expedition, but not as Pay, they being not intitled thereto, as they were not appointed to the ſaid Service by the Directions of the General Aſſembly: And that the further Sum of £40. be allowed the ſaid *Thomas Buford*, as a Compenſation for the Expence, and in Reward of his extraordinary Care and Humanity, in bringing in, and delivering to, their reſpective Parents, the Captives belonging to this Colony.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the ſaid Reſolution.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee Tomorrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Amelia*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until *Monday* Fortnight.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Saturday, the 21st of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

A *Petition* of *Kendall Lee*, of the County of *Northumberland*, praying, That an Act may paſs to dock the Intail of 2050 Acres of Land, in the County of *Accomack*, on his ſettling 58 Acres of Land, adjoining other intailed Lands, in the ſaid County of *Northumberland*, and 235 Acres, in the County of *Loudoun*, in Lieu thereof; and Negroes to be annexed to the ſaid Lands to the ſame Uſes.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Richard Lee*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Blair* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

A *Petition* of *Richard Doggett*, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1762 he got recruiting Inſtructions, and did inliſt 16 Men for his Majeſty's Service, three of which deſerted before he could get them to the Place of Rendezvous; that he paid them all their Bounty Money, and found them ſubſiſtence for 29 Days each, for which he has never received any Satiſfaction; and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Fortunatus Crutchfield*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe Man Slave, who happened, by Miſtake, not to be outlawed, but was ſhot with other Slaves who were outlawed, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Harry Beverley*, Gent. is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves, to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof, and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Affidavit of *Thomas Bullett*, of the County of *Fauquier*, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1766, a Negro Man named *Ben*, belonging to him, was condemned to be hanged by the County Court of *Culpeper*, for Felony; but before the Time for his being executed he broke the Gaol of the ſaid County, and hath not been ſince apprehended, and that he was neither directly nor indirectly concerned in the Eſcape of the ſaid Slave, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, to the ſaid *Thomas Bullett*, for his ſaid Negroe.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration, the Petition of *Thomas Waller*, to them re-committed; and alſo the Petition of the Proprietors of the Ferries at *Swan's* Point and *James Town*, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Thomas Waller*, praying to be allowed the Sum of £13.14.9, received by his late Father, Inſpector at *Walkerton* and *Waller's*, for the Uſe of the Public, and conſumed by Fire, on the firſt Day of *February* laſt, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Proprietors of the Ferries at *Swan's Point* and *James Town*, praying, That the Rates of Ferries may be increaſed, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Treaſurer, to make an Allow to the ſaid *Thomas Waller*, agreeable to the firſt Reſolution.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, praying, That an Act may paſs to enable the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, to levy on the Inhabitants thereof £150, for the ſupport of a Miniſter, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, of £23 each, to Meſſrs *James Wood* and *Thomas Rutherford* two of the Commiſſioners for ſettling the Militia Accounts in the northern Department.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For altering the Court Day of *Lancaſter;* and it is referred to Mr *Mitchell* and Mr *Charles Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, for altering the Court Day of *Princeſs Anne*.

On a *Motion* made,

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Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For applying to the Aid of the public Fund, the Surplus of the Money, which ſhall remain in the Hands of the Treaſurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Direction of an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for raiſing a public Levy, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For the Preſervation of the Breed of Cattle; and it is referred to Mr *Mercer* and Mr *Richard Lee*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, for continuing an Act intituled, *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;* The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee had had the ſame under their further Conſideration; but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had ordered him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Monday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For erecting Warehouſes for the Reception of Hemp; and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Harry Beverley*, Gent. is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves, to be purchaſed, in Lieu thereof; and the ſaid Bill was read the ſecond Time and committed to the Members of *King George*, *Caroline*, and *Weſtmoreland*.

Mr *Tabb* informed the Houſe, that he had waited on his Honor the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, deſiring that he would be pleaſed to direct the Removal of the Court Houſe of *Amelia* to a more convenient Place; and that his Honor was pleaſed to ſay that he would grant a Writ of Adjournment, when the Juſtices of the ſaid County had agreed on a proper Place for the ſame.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee appointed, reported, That the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Bill, To dock the Intail of 800 Acres of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, whereof *Anne Hall*, Wife of *John Hall*, is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, and found the Allegations to be true, but had made no Amendments to the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, To impower the Juſtices of *Amelia* County, to purchaſe —— Acres of Land, whereon to erect a Court-Houſe, and Houſes of Entertainment, and other neceſſary Buildings, and to impower the ſaid Juſtices to levy a Sum of Money, not exceeding——, upon the Tithable Perſons, in the ſaid County, for the Purpoſes above mentioned; and the ſaid Juſtices to rent the ſaid Buildings out, from Year to Year, and to apply the Money ariſing therefrom, towards the leſſening their County Levy; and it is referred to Mr *Tabb*, and Mr *Archibald Cary*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 38.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69.

Monday, the 23rd of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Mitchell* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, For altering the Court Days of the County of *Lancaſter* and *Princeſs Anne;* and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Correſpondence do lay before this Houſe all the Letters from the Agent of this Colony, received ſince the Adjournment of this Houſe.

The Houſe being informed that the Sheriff of *York* had ſerved a Writ on Mr *Edward Ambler*, a Member of this Houſe, at the Suit of Mr *James Pride*, within the Time of Privilege.

Ordered, That the ſaid Information be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; that they examine into the ſame, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration a Petition of the Veſtry and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, and County of *Frederick*, to the referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows:

Reſolved, that the ſaid Petition, praying, That the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be impowered to levy on the Inhabitants thereof a ſufficient Sum for the Support of a Miniſter and his Family, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

A *Petition* of *Henry Mitchell*, praying to be allowed his Expences in the Cure of a Negroe Man, who was condemned for a Burglary, but was recommended as an Object of Mercy to his Honor the Governor, by the Court; and before his Pardon could be obtained, was under the Neceſſity, from the Inclemency of the Weather, of having his right Leg and left Foot cut off.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Richard Doggett*, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1762, he recruited and paſſed 13 Soldiers, for his Majeſty's Service, with Colo *Lewis;* and not being able to attend the Army, the Bounty of two of the ſaid Soldiers was omitted to be allowed him in his Account; and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Two *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying a Diſſolution of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, were preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Sundry *Accounts* of the Militia of *Frederick*, raiſed by Order of Colo *Adam Stephen*, for ſuppreſſing a Mob of Negroes, were preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the ſame, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To compel Ships import Convicts or Servants, infected with the Gaol Fever or Small Pox, to perform Quarantine; and it is referred to Mr *Mercer*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To eſtabliſh a more eaſy and expeditious Method for the Trial of Criminals, and Cauſes depending in the General Court; and it is referred to Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Wythe*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Maſon*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Archibald Cary*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

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The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into Conſideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Thurſday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For laying an additional Duty on Slaves imported into this Colony; and it is referred to Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *John Bolling*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To confirm the Title to Lands, claimed by or under Aliens, in certain Caſes; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Wythe*, and Mr *Bland*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of 800 Acres of Land, in the County of* Amelia, *whereof* Anne Hall, *Wife of* John Hall, *is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Cole* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until the 10th of next Month.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, For continuing *an Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms:* The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration; but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petitions from ſundry Freeholders of the Counties of *Weſtmoreland*, *Prince George*, *Louiſa*, and a Reſolution from the Commitee of Propoſitions and Grievances, which were reſpectively ordered to lie on the Table, be committed to the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *Junior Turner*, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and is as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition ought to be rejected.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Robinſon* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday, the 24th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to whom the Bill, To impower *George Parker* to pay a certain Sum of Money, in Lieu of an Annuity, charged on certain Slaves whereof he is poſſeſſed, was committed, reported, That the ſaid Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 291.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Harry Beverley*, Gent. is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves, to be purchaſed, in Lieu thereof, was committed, reported, That they had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Correſpondence[1], laid before the Houſe, according to Order, a Letter and ſome Papers received from the Agent ſince the Adjournment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter and Papers be referred to the Committee, to examine into the State of the Colony.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of *New Kent* County, in Oppoſition to a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *James City*, praying, That the Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the former Part of this Seſſion for dividing the ſaid Counties, by certain Lines therein mentioned, may be altered.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Thomas Irvin*, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1759 he was appointed, by Colo *Byrd*, a Major of Brigade, and continued to act as ſuch in the Year 1760 and 1761.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Levin Teackle*, ſetting forth, That he has a Quantity af ſunken Grounds, which would be of great Advantage to him, if he could be permitted to drain the ſame; and praying that he may be permitted to dig a Ditch through the Land of *Samuel Bagg*, and the Heir of *Fiſher Bradford*, deceaſed, on his paying them ſuch Damages as ſhall be adjudged they ſhall ſuſtain thereby, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration two Petitions to them referred and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Elizabeth City*, praying, That they may be impowered by Law to build a Bridge over *Back* River, in the ſaid County, by Subſcription, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That a Petiton of ſundry other Inhabitants, of the ſaid County, in Oppoſition thereto, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

Mr *Mercer* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, For the Preſervation of the Breed of Cattle; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Claim* of *Daniel Belford* for a Gun that was impreſſed, for the Uſe of the *Loudoun* Militia was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

A *Bill*, For altering the Court Days of the Counties of *Lancaſter*, and *Princeſs Anne*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Petition* of *Philip Barbour*, in Behalf of himſelf and other Inhabitants, of *Bromfield* Pariſh, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying, That the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered

[1] Committee of Correſpondence Papers—Virginia State Library.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the ſtate of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to examine, ſtate, and ſettle the Claim of the County of *Fauquier*, for Arms belonging to that County, taken for the Uſe of the Militia, when drawn into actual Service, and make a Report thereof, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Edward Weſtmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, praying to be allowed the accuſtomed Salary, which was reduced at the former Meeting of this Aſſembly, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms:* The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration; but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 25th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To prohibit Merchants from retailing Liquors at or near Court-Houſes, on Court Days or Days of General Muſters.

Alſo a *Bill*, To repeal an Act paſſed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty *George* the ſecond, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk, *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof, upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and the ſaid Bills were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Kendall Lee* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *John Lee* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Tabb* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, To enable the Juſtices, of the County of *Amelia*, to purchaſe Lands, whereon to build a Court Houſe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Kendall Lee* is ſeized and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was read the ſecond Time, and committed

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

[2] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 152.

mitted to Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Francis Lee*, and the Members of *Northumberland*, *Lancaſter*, *Accomack* and *Northampton*.

A *Bill*, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms, and in clearing of Ships, for aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the caſting Ballaſt or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Newton*, and Mr *Moſeley*.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the State of the Colony.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration; but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Friday* next.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *Junior Turner*, to them recommitted. Alſo two other Petitions to them referred, and have come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follow:

On Conſideration of the *Petition* of *Junior Turner*, it appears to your Committee, by the Teſtimony of two Witneſſes, that the Slave, in the ſaid Petition mentioned, was taken up on Suſpicion of her having murdered a Child, of which ſhe had lately been delivered, was committed to the Gaol of *James City* County, and tried the third Day after her Delivery, and acquitted: That while in Gaol ſhe was taken ſick of a Fever, and though the Weather was very cold, ſhe, by the Direction of her Miſtreſs, who attended her during her confinement, was removed Home the ſame Evening: That ſhe languiſhed under the Fever about three Months, and died: And, that ſhe was a valuable Slave, in the ſeventeenth Year of her Age. It further appears, by the Teſtimony of *John Kemp*, that the Evening of the Day on which the ſaid Slave was acquitted, he met her on her Way Home in a Cart, driven by a Negroe Fellow, and the Weather being very cold, he adviſed the Driver to lodge her at ſome Houſe where Mr *Turner* was acquainted, until the Weather became more moderate, who anſwered, That Mrs *Turner's* poſitive Orders to him were to carry her Home that Night: That ſhe was then ſetting up in the Cart, with an old Rug wrapped about her, and did not appear to be ſick.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of £60 for the ſaid Slave.

On Conſideration of the *Petition* of *Henry Mitchell*, it appears to your Committee, by the Proceedings of the Court of the County of *Spotſylvania*, that the Slave, in the Petition mentioned, was arranged for Burglary, and ſentenced to be hanged; and by the ſaid Court valued at £70: But he being recommended as an Object of Mercy, the Petitioner obtained a Pardon for him. It *alſo* appears by ſundry Depoſitions and Accounts produced, that the ſaid Slave was froſt-bitten while in Gaol; in Conſequence whereof he loſt his right leg, and Half his left Foot, notwithſtanding the Care that was taken by the Petitioner, and the Expence he was at to the Surgeons and Nurſe, which amounted to £35. 7. 9 in endeavouring to effect his Cure.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of £35. 7. 9 for the Damage done the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Benedict Ruſt*, to be paid for a Slave who was committed to Gaol on Suſpicion of his feloniouſly adminiſtering poiſonous Medicines, and died in Gaol before he could be tried, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £20 for the ſaid Slave.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the reſpective Allowances, in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the above Reſolutions.

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 94.

He alſo *reported*, that the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration, ſeveral Claims to them referred, for the Pay and Expences of the Militia of *Auguſta* County, and had agreed to a Report, and drawn up an ſtated and Account thereof, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to with ſome Amendments, as follow:

AUGUSTA

	To *James M^c Kathey*	for Proviſions in 1763	£	2. 6
1757.	To *William Graham*	for Smith's Work		1. 3.
	To D°	for Proviſions		1.15. 9
1763.	To *James M^c Affee*	for a Beef		3.
1763.	To *Daniel M^c Cormack*	for a Bag		4. 6
1757.	To *Richard Burton*	for a Steer		1.10.
1759.	To *John Crockett*	for 41 Days Pay as Sergeant, at ¼		2.14. 8
	To *Philip Watkins*	D° as Soldier, at ½		2. 1.
	To *William Edmondſon*	D° D°		2. 1.
	To *James Johnſon*	D° D°		2. 1.
	To *William Chriſtian*	for Bounty paid *Thomas Lewis*,		2.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Claims ought to be paid by the Public.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

M^r *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration fundry Claims to them referred, for the Pay and Expences of the Militia of the Counties of *Auguſta*, *Culpeper*, and *Frederick*, of which they had Stated and Account, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

AUGUSTA.

George Teeter for Work in building a Fort in 1764.
James Sawyer's Pay Roll, Volunteers in 1764.
R. Walker Johnſon for a Horſe impreſſed in 1763.
James M^c Dowell for his Pay as Cap^t and for Proviſions in 1755.
Robert Martin for a Horſe loſt in *Shawaneſe* Expedition in 1756.
James M^c Donald for Beef killed by the *Indians* in 1763.
David Cloyde for Horſe Hire &c. in 1758.
Richard Bodkin for a Mare taken and killed by Indians in 1764.

CULPEPER.

1764 *Eli Thompſon* for a Gun impreſſed; not ſufficient Proof.
1764 *Joſeph Pollard* for D° the ſame.

FREDERICK.

Moſes Aſhbrooke for Horſe Hire, by Order of Col° *Bouquet*, in 1761.
Reſolved, That the ſaid Claims ought to be rejected.
And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Thurſday

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

Thursday, the 26th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of public Claims, reported, That the Committee had examined and conſidered all the public Claims, which had been laid before them this Seſſion, and had agreed upon a Report which he had entered in a Book; and he delivered the Book in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of Major *Thomas Irwin*, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the ſaid *Thomas Irwin* be allowed the Sum of £300, in full for his Services to this Colony for three Years.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Thomas Irwin* be allowed £175 for his Services to this Country.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the book of Claims, purſuant to the above Reſolution.

A *Petition* of *Littleton Eyre* and *Severn Eyre*, of the County of *Northampton*, ſetting forth, That they have been at a great Expence in erecting convenient Houſes for the Entertainment of Travellers, and commodious Boats for their ſpeedy Paſſage from the public Ferry at *Hungar's*, in *Northampton* County, to *York*, *Hampton*, and *Norfolk*, and praying that the People of *Accomack* may be prohibited from tranſporting Travellers from the ſaid County to the aforeſaid Towns, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

A *Letter* from Mr *James Pride*, directed to the Clerk of the Committee of Privileges, containing an Excuſe for his Non-Attendance on the ſaid Committee, agreeable to a Summons for that Purpoſe, being laid before the Houſe, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Letter is Scandalous, and that the ſaid *James Pride* has been guilty of a high Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe in writing the ſame.

Ordered, That he be immediately taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms; and that the Serjeant be empowered to break open Doors, and to call in all neceſſary Aſſiſtance, in caſe the ſaid *Pride* ſhould deny or refuſe to ſurrender himſelf.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, For paying the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick* £——, inſtead of the Salary now allowed; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The ſaid *Bill* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, three Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That that Part of the laſt Article of the Account produced by *Hancock Euſtace* againſt the Colony, in Support of his Petition, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £20 for a Deſerter, and to reimburſe him the Extraordinary Expenſe

Expenſe he was at in the Subſiſtence of 51 Recruits, on their March to the Place of General Rendezvous: And that the Reſidue of the ſaid Account, being £98. 17, 4½, for ſundry Articles therein mentioned, ought to be rejected.

On Conſideration of the *Petitions* of *Richard Dogget*, praying an Allowance for the Bounty, Inliſting Money, and Subſiſtence of 5 Soldiers recruited by him for his Majeſty's Service; two of whom were, by a Miſtake in the Perſon who delivered them to the commanding Officer, not allowed in his Account, and the other three deſerted before they got to the Place of Rendezvous; It appears to your Committee that the Petitioner had paid the Bounty and Inliſting Money to four of the ſaid Soldiers and found Subſiſtence for three.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petitions are reaſonable; and that he ought to be reimburſed the Sum of £50. 7 by the Public for the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the above Reſolutions.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their Conſideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Monday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be directed to ſettle the Accounts of the ſeveral Officers that are in Arrear to this Colony, and that he be directed to proceed againſt all thoſe who ſhall neglect to attend and ſettle the ſame.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration, the Bill, for continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act[1] for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms:* The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration; but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Friday, the 27th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Woodbridge* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, For the more effectual preventing the tending of Tobacco Seconds; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read; and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *James City* and *New Kent*, praying, That an Act paſſed in the former Part of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, For adding Part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and Part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*, may be amended, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New Kent* County in Oppoſition thereto, is reaſonable.

The *Speaker* laid before the Houſe a Letter, dated on this Day, directed to him, from Mr *James Pride*, repreſenting his inability to attend the Committee of Privileges, occaſioned

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

occaſioned by his Indiſpoſition and a Certificate incloſed from Mr *Matthew Pope*, Surgeon, that the ſaid *Pride* was much indiſpoſed, and ought not to go out of his Houſe on this Day.

Ordered, That Doctor *John De Siqueyra*, Phyſician, and Mr *William Paſteur*, Surgeon, be deſired to go immediately to *York*, and enquire into the ſtate of the ſaid *Pride's* Health, and make a Report of the ſame to the Houſe.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had proceeded to an Inquiry upon the Information to them referred, that the Sheriff of *York* County had ſerved a Writ on Mr *Edward Ambler*, a Member of this Houſe, at the Suit of Mr *James Pride* within the Time of Privilege; and have heard Mr *Benjamin Waller*, the Clerk of the General Court, and *William Mitchell*, Under-Sheriff of *York*, who ſerved the ſaid Writ (*James Pride* having Notice and failing to attend) and have agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Table; where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

It appears to your *Committee*, that on the tenth Day of this Inſtant, while the Clerk of the General Court and the Attornies were aſſembled in the Office, proſecuting the Buſineſs uſually diſpatched at the Rules, a Memorandum was delivered by Mr *Pride's* Agent, by his Direction, to one of the Attornies there attending, for obtaining the Writ in the Information mentioned, with others to be iſſued from the Office: That the Gentleman to whom the Memorandum was delivered, doubted whether he ſhould engage in the Proſecution of thoſe Suits; but that Mr *Pride* might not be delayed he delivered the Memorandum to the aforeſaid *William Mitchell*, with Directions to apply to the Clerk for thoſe Writs: That he accordingly ſhewed the Memorandum to Mr *Waller*, who immediately delivered it to a Clerk in the ſaid Office; whereupon the ſaid Writs were made out and ſigned and delivered to the ſaid *Mitchell* to be carried to the ſaid *Pride*, which was accordingly done the ſame Day, and after a few Hours was re-delivered by the ſaid *Pride* to the ſaid *Mitchell*, with Orders to execute the ſame immediately; whereupon the ſaid *Mitchell* did on that or the next Day arreſt Mr *Ambler*, of whom he did not require Bail: That ſoon after the ſaid Arreſt, the ſaid *Mitchell*, being informed, that the ſame was a breach of Mr *Ambler's* Privilege, complained to the ſaid *Pride* that he had led him into a Scrape; upon which the ſaid *Pride* told him he need not be uneaſy, for he would indemnify him.

It does not appear to your *Committee*, that there was any Intention to violate the Privilege of Mr *Ambler*, either in the Clerk or Sheriff; but, that as to the former, the iſſuing of the Writ proceeded from his inattention, by Means of the Buſineſs he was then engaged in; and as to the latter, the Service of the ſaid Writ proceeded merely from his Want of Recollection, being lately appointed to Office.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Benjamin Waller*, in iſſuing the ſaid Writ, is guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *William Mitchell*, in ſerving the ſaid Writ, is guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *James Pride* is guilty of a high Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Waller*, who iſſued the ſaid Writ, and Mr *William Mitchell*, who ſerved the ſame, be excuſed, inaſmuch as their Offences preceeded from Inadvertence, and not from a Deſign to violate the Privileges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the laſt Reſolution do lie on the Table.

Mr *Richard Lee*, from the Committee appointed, reported, That the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Kendall Lee* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, and found the Allegations to be true, but had made no Amendments to the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

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The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Tueſday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to take into their Conſideration a Memorial of the Adminiſtrators, with the Will annexed, of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r, and alſo his Accounts as Treaſurer be revived, and that the Houſe reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Wedneſday* next.

A *Claim* of *Edward Foley*, a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, praying to be allowed for five Months Pay, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Several *Petitions*, from ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampſhire*, ſetting forth, That they are deprived of an Advantage that might accrue to them, that of ſupplying in ſome Meaſure the King's Troops on the Weſtern Department, by the extreme Badneſs of the Road from this Government to *Fort Pitt*, that they conceive the opening and repairing *Braddock's* Road will not only be an Advantage to the frontier Parts of this Colony, but benefit the Public in general; and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Saturday, the 28th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland* laid before the Houſe a Certificate of *John De Siqueyra*, Phyſician, and *William Paſteur*, Surgeon, ſetting forth, That in Obedience to an Order of this Houſe they had waited on M^r *James Pride*, and found him free from Fever, and with no dangerous Complaint; but that, from his own Relation of his Caſe, he was much troubled with nervous Diſorders.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Sergeant at Arms do immediately bring the ſaid *James Pride* to *Williamſburg*.

M^r *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported; That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Sarah Swearingen*, Widow of *Thomas Swearingen*, that an Act paſſed in the fifth year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, For eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the land of *Thomas Shepherd*, at *Mecklenburg*, in *Frederick* County, to *Maryland*, may be repealed, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Levin Teacle*, praying, That an Act may paſs impowering him to dig a Ditch through the Land of *Samuel*

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

Samuel Bagg, and the Heir of *Fifher Bradford*, deceaſed, on paying them ſuch Damages as they ſhall ſuſtain thereby, is reaſonable.

The *firſt* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The *ſecond* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition of *Levin Teacle* be rejected.

Mr *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill. For erecting Warehouſes for the Reception of Hemp; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of ſundry Quakers, in Behalf of themſelves and others of their Society, in *Virginia*, ſetting forth, That it is contrary to the Dictates of their Conſcience to make any Preparation for War, and therefore cannot attend at Muſters; for which Failure they are fined and diſtreſſed under the Militia Law, and praying, That this Houſe will take their Sufferings into Conſideration.

Alſo a *Petition* of *Job Pearfall*, of the County of *Hampſhire* ſetting forth, That in the Year 1756 a large Fort was erected on his Land, by Order of Colo *Waſhington*, of the *Virginia* Regiment, and a great Quantity of his Timber cut down and uſed as well by the Inhabitants as thoſe of the Garriſon until the End of General *Forbeſ's* Campaign, in the Winter of the Year 1758: That in the Year 1763 the *Indian* War began; at which Time your Petitioner's Plantation was a ſecond Time pitched on for a Garriſon and the ſaid Fort repaired at the further Expence of his ſaid Timber, which continued to the Winter 1764: He further ſhews, that he was ever willing to promote the Service of his Country, and did many Times pilot the Officers and Parties to different Places, and was obliged to return by Night for Security, and in every inclement Seaſon, by which his Conſtitution is impaired to that Degree that he is now rendered incapable of ſupporting Himſelf and a numerous Family; and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That no Petition be received in this Houſe after *Thurſday* next.

A *Petition* of *Iſaac Perkins*, ſetting forth, That by being Security for a certain *Andrew Mealy* he became culpable for the Rent of a Houſe, in the Town of *Winchefter*, for a Term of Years; Part of which Time it was occupied as an Hoſpital by the *Virginia* Regiment, for which he received of this Houſe Fifty odd Pounds; but in repairing the damages occaſioned thereby, it has obliged him to keep the ſaid Houſe in his Poſſeſſion longer than he otherwiſe ſhould have done, at the heavy Rent of £35 *per Annum;* and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To enable the Juſtices of *Frederick* and *Culpeper* Counties, to levy upon their reſpective Tithables a Sum not exceeding £100, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and it is referred to Mr *Maſon* and Mr *Mercer* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for altering the Court Days of the Counties of* Lancaſter *and* Princeſs Anne, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up, and an engroſſed Rider added thereto.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Mitchell* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms:* The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had gone through the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[3] *to oblige the Proſecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted;* and it is referred to Mr *Simpſon* and Mr *Henry Lee* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Maſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To enable the Juſtices of *Frederick* and *Culpeper* Counties, to levy upon their reſpective Tithables a Sum not exceeding £100, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday, the 30th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, ſetting forth the Inconveniences they labour under, by Reaſon of their Remoteneſs from their Court Houſe, and praying a Diviſion thereof.

Alſo a *Petition* of ſundry other Inhabitants of the ſaid County, in Oppoſition thereto, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Moore*, of *King William* County, ſetting forth, That he is ſeized in Fee Tail of a Tract of Land, containing 642 Acres, in the ſaid County; and praying that an Act may paſs impowering him to ſell the ſaid Land; and the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale to be laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of Mr *John Aylett*, of the County of *Hanover*, ſetting forth, That he is ſeized in Fee Tail of a valuable Tract of Land, in the ſaid County, but has few Slaves to work the ſame, and praying that an Act may paſs impowering Truſtees to ſell 623 Acres, Part of the ſaid Land, and to lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in the Purchaſe of Slaves, to be annexed to the Reſidue of the ſaid Land, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 265. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69. [3] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 246.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Harry Beverley, *Gentlemen, is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, entituled, *An Act*[3] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Kendall Lee *is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Lee* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[4] *to impower* George Parker *to pay a certain Sum of Money, in Lieu of an Annuity, charged on certain Slaves, whereof he is poſſeſſed*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *Littleton* and *Severn Eyre*, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition, praying, That the Owners or Shippers of Veſſels may be reſtrained by Law from carrying, for Reward, any Perſon or Perſons (other than the Inhabitants of *Accomack* County) acroſs the Bay from the ſaid County of *Accomack* to *York*, *Hampton*, or *Norfolk*, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are directed to bring in a Bill, For increaſing the Ferriage at *James Town* and *Swans* Point, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the above Reſolution.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be diſcharged from preparing a Bill, agreeable to the Reſolution of the Houſe on *Sarah Swearingen's* Petition, and that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes in the Bill, For increaſing the Ferriage at *James Town* and *Swans* Point, agreeable to the ſaid Reſolution.

A *Claim* of *David Chivis*, for a Negroe Man Slave that was condemned by the Court of the County of *Caroline*, for Felony, and is to be executed at a future Day, and valued by the ſaid Court to £90, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the above Claim.

The *Speaker* informed the Houſe that Mr *Pride* attended in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Pride* be delivered by Warrant from the *Speaker* to the Public Gaoler, to be kept in ſafe Cuſtody, until diſcharged, by Order of the Houſe.

A *Bill*, for the Preſervation of the Breed of Cattle, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Mercer*.

A *Claim* of Mr *Thomas Claiborne* for the Ferriage of Sheriffs with Criminals and Expreſſes, coming to and from *Williamſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 232. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 280. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 278. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 287.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

A *Bill*, To enable the Juſtices of *Frederick* and *Culpeper* Counties, to levy upon their reſpective Tithables a ſum not exceeding £100, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Wedneſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday, the 31st of March. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

ON a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That the annual Salary of £300, formally given to the Clerk of the Public Treaſury, be diſcontinued.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of the People called Quakers, praying to be exempted from the Fines and Forfeitures inflicted by the Militia Law, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Henry*, and Mr *Mercer*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Eyre*, from the Perſons to whom the Bill, To amend an Act, intituled *An Act*[1] *for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms, and in clearing of Ships, for aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the caſting Ballaſt or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks*, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe the remainder of this Seſſion.

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[1] Hening, VI, p 94.

A *Petition* of *Lewellen Jones*, ſetting forth, That he is ſeized as Tenant in Fee Tail of a Tract of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, containing 1006 Acres, and praying that an Act may paſs impowering him to ſell the ſame, and to ſettle other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Tubb* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 1st of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

ON a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill, For increaſing the Ferriage at *James Town* and *Swan's Point*, to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes in the ſaid Bill, for increaſing the Ferriage from *James Town* to *Crouche's* Creek.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To repeal ſo much of an Act paſſed in the twenty-fifth Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for building a Bridge over* Appomattox *River, by Subſcription, as relates to prohibit the Juſtices of* Dinwiddie *and* Cheſterfield, *from building a Bridge at the Place, in the ſaid Act mentioned, at the Charge of the ſaid Counties.*

Alſo a *Bill*, For building a Bridge over *Back* River, by Subſcription; and the ſaid Bills were ſeverally read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Simpſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to oblige the Proſecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendants ſhall be acquitted*; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the ſaid Committee had, according to Order, examined, ſtated and ſettled the Claim of the County of *Fauquier*, for Arms belonging to that County, taken for the Uſe of the Militia, when drawn into actual Service, and had agreed to a Report, and come to two Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Claim is reaſonable; and that the ſaid County of *Fauquier* ought to be reimburſed by the Public the Sum of £ 156. 15, for ſo much levied on them for 50 Muſkets, Bayonets, Swivels, Caſes, Slings and Belts, before that County was divided from the County of *Prince William*, and taken for the Uſe of the Militia.

Reſolved, That the Lieut. of the ſaid County of *Fauquier*, be directed to ſell all the ſaid Arms that were returned for the moſt that can be got for them, and remit the Money ariſing from ſuch Sale to the Treaſury for the Uſe of the Public.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To continue and amend the *Act*[3] *for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia;* and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[4] *to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other purpoſes therein mentioned. Alſo* one other Act, intituled, *An Act*[5] *for enlarging and aſcertaining the Limits of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made

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[1] Hening's, VI, p. 293. [2] *Ibid.*, VI. p. 246. [3] *Ibid.*, VII. p. 93. [4] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 510. [5] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 433.

ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

He *alſo* reported from the ſaid Committee, to whom the Bill, for paying the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, £——, inſtead of the Salary now allowed, was committed, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, been groſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Reſolution, from the Committee of Claims, relative to *Benjamin Temple*, which was ordered to lie on the Table in the former Part of this Seſſion, be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Roy* and *James Gilliſon*, Proprietors of the Land adjoining the Town of *Port Royal*, praying, That an Act may paſs to reſtrain the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town from ſuffering Hogs to run at large in the ſaid Town, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Repreſentation of the Commiſſioners appointed to ſtate and ſettle the Militia Accounts; alſo two Accounts of Colo *John M'Neil*, and Major *Abraham Smith*, to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That *Abraham Hite* be allowed the Sum of £ 100 in full of his Services, as Colo of the County of *Hampſhire*.

Reſolved, That *Abraham Smith* be allowed the Sum of £ 23. 12 in full of his Services, as Major of the *Auguſta* Militia.

Reſolved, That the Account of *John M'Neil* for Services, as Lieut: Colo of the *Auguſta* Militia, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the two firſt Reſolutions.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants on *New* River, in the County of *Auguſta*, praying, That they may be exempt from the Payment of Levies and Taxes a few Years longer; and that in caſe the ſaid County ſhould be divided this Seſſion, they may be added to the new County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying a Diviſion thereof.

Alſo a *Petition*, in Oppoſition thereto, were ſeverally prefented to the Houſe and read.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petitions, to the ſame Effect with the above have been committed, be diſcharged from proceeding therein; and that all the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

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A *Petition* of *Elias Gerrard*, ſetting forth, That he was one of 13 Volunteers, who joined Col° *Bouquet* when he forced a Paſſage to the Relief of Fort *Pitt*, and received a Wound in the Shoulder, which has rendered him incapable of ſupporting a numerous Family; and praying the Relief of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

M^r *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Lewellin Jones* is ſeized and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

M^r *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To veſt certain Lands, whereof *Thomas Moore* is ſeized in Fee Tail in Truſtees; to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the Memorial of the Adminiſtrators, with the Will annexed, of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r; and alſo his Accounts, as Treaſurer.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee Tomorrow.

M^r *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Deſcent or Purchaſe from Aliens; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

M^r *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Fortunatus Crutchfield* is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 40 for the Slave in the ſaid Petition mentioned.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Iſaac Perkins* is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 35 for one Year's Rent of the Houſe in the ſaid Petition mentioned; and the further Sum of £ 4. 2. 10 for an Error in extending an Article in his Account, formerly produced, for Damages done the ſaid Houſe, while occupied as an Hoſpital by the *Virginia* Regiment.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the above Reſolutions.

M^r *Mercer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Goal-Fever or Small Pox to perform Quarantine; and that ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That M^r *Joſeph Cabell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and Part thereof being read; the further Conſideration of the ſame was put off until To-morrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Friday* next.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Lewellin Jones* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof, was read a ſecond Time; and committed to M^r *Fleming*, M^r *Tabb*, M^r *Trent*, and the Members of *Cheſterfield* and *Cumberland*.

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On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To veſt certain Lands, whereof *Thomas Moore* is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves; and and the ſaid Bill was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *King William*, *King* and *Queen*, *New Kent*, and *Hanover*.

Mr *Mercer*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To eſtabliſh a more eaſy and expeditious Method for the Trial of Criminals, and of Cauſes depending in the General Court; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*

Thurſday, the 2nd of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

THE *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration, the Memorial of the Adminiſtrators, with the Will annexed, of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; and alſo his Accounts as Treaſurer: The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That Intereſt at the Rate of 5 per Cent. *per Annum*, ought to be charged upon the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; late Treaſurer, on the Sum of £ —— of the Public Money, by him received and miſapplied, to be computed from the Day of his Death, until the ſame ſhall be paid.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, until the 10th Inſtant.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be directed to pay to the Agent of this Colony, £ 69. 9, advanced by him, to make up the Deficiency of what this Aſſembly gave to the Governors and Viſitors of the *College*, in order to purchaſe a Philoſophical Apparatus, for the uſe of the Students.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Talbot* was referred, be diſcharged from proceeding thereon; and that the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

An Account of *Tunſtal Banks*, Adminiſtrator of *William Banks*, for Pay as Lieut. for 61 Days, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To impower the Adminiſtrators of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr, deceaſed, to ſell ſuch Parts of his real or perſonal Eſtate, as to them ſhall ſeem moſt convenient for the Payment of his Debts; and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Wythe*, and Mr *Blair*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Claim* of Capt *Walter Cunningham*, for £ 7. 10, for which a Soldier in his Company of Militia obtained a Judgment againſt him, in the County Court of *Auguſta*, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A *Claim* of *Nathaniel M^cCarroll*, for a Bull that was killed for the Uſe of a Company of Militia, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

M^r *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, For increaſing the Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's* Point, *James Town*, and *Crouche's* Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Claim* of *Jacob Jackſon*, for 44 Days Service as a Soldier, in Captain *Cunningham's* Company of Militia, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A *Claim* of *Benjamin M^cCollough*, Adminiſtrator of *Benjamin M^cCollough*, deceaſed, for a Horſe impreſſed by *John Lawſon* of the *Virginia* Regiment, by Virtue of a Warrant from Cap^t *William Cunningham*, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

M^r *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, to dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of S^t *Martin*, and County of *Hanover*, whereof *John Aylett* is ſeized in Fee Tail and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, for the Uſes therein mentioned; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

M^r *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered, to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made.

The ſaid *Bill* was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

M^r *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Proprietors of the Lands adjoining the Town of *Port Royal*, on *Rappahannock* River, praying, That an Act may paſs to reſtrain Hogs from going at Large within the ſaid Town, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampſhire*, praying, That the Road (commonly called *Braddock's* Road) leading from the Frontier of this Colony to Fort *Pitt*, may be repaired, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New* River, in the County of *Auguſta*, praying, That they may be further exempted from the Payment of Levies and Taxes, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

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On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, to the Serjeant of this Houſe for his Fees and Charges againſt Mr *James Pride*, £ 6. 16; to *John De Siqueyra*, Phyſician for attending the ſaid *Pride* by Order of this Houſe £ 3. 4. 6; and to *William Paſteur*, Surgeon, for the ſame Service £ 2, to be levied on the Eſtate of the ſaid *Pride*.

A *Petition* of *James Cooke*, praying, That the Houſe would allow him a Salary as Clerk of the Treaſury, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Friday, the 3rd of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland*, from the Perſons, to whom the Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *William Starke* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes, reported That they had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and found the Allegations to be true, but had made no Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick, was read the third Time and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] for exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, and alſo the Miniſter and other Pariſhioners, of St *James'* Pariſh in the ſaid County, from the Payment of Ferriage on *Sundays*, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Muſters.

Alſo to the Bill *intituled*, An Act[3] for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Harry Beverley*, Gent. is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[5] to dock the Intail of 800 Acres of Land, in the County of *Amelia* whereof *Anne Hall*, Wife of *John Hall*, is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[6] to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Kendall Lee* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[7] to impower *George Parker* to pay a certain Sum of Money, in Lieu of an Annuity, charged on certain Slaves, whereof he is poſſeſſed.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Benjamin Temple* to them recommitted. Alſo the Petition of *Elias Gerrard* to them referred, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

On reconſidering the *Petition* of the ſaid *Benjamin Temple* it appears to your Committee, that he obtained recruiting Inſtructions from his Honor the Governor, in the Year 1760: That at That Time he received £ 400 out of the Treaſury, with which he enliſted about 40 men, 30 of whom were by the Commanding Officers taken into the Service, 4 deſerted, and the reſt were refuſed, but that three of them ought to have been received, having been before adjudged able bodied Men, and ſerved in a former Campaign.

Reſolved

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 267.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 257.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 232.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 280.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 291.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 278.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 287.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Benjamin Temple* ought to be allowed £ 370 for the Bounty, and £ 55. 10 for enliſting 37 Men, £ 34 for Subſiſtence, £ 7. 10 for his Pay, and £ 1 for his Expence in purſuing a Deſerter, which upon an Eſtimate produces a Balance of £ 78 due to him; and that he ought to be reimburſed the ſame by the Public.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the ſaid *Elias Gerrard* is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 20 for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of £ 12 *per Annum* during Life, as a Recompence for the Wounds he received in the Service of the Country.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the *firſt* Reſolution.

Ordered, That the *ſecond* Reſolution be engroſſed, and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Motion* being made that a public Bank be eſtabliſhed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Motion be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe appointed to take into their Conſideration the State of the Colony.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe To-morrow.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, For applying to the Aid of the public Fund the Surplus of the Money which ſhall remain in the Hands of the Treaſurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, for raiſing a public Levy, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly; and it is referred to Mr *Henry Lee* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Maſon* from the Perſons to whom the Bill, For the preſervation of the Breed of Cattle, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, For increaſing the Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's* Point, *James Town*, and *Crouche's* Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Braxton*, from the Perſons to whom the Bill, to veſt certain Lands whereof *Thomas Moore* is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Money laid out in Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and found the Allegations to be true, and had made an Amendment thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition of *James Cooke*, which was Yeſterday ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A *Bill*, for erecting Warehouſes for the Reception of Hemp, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

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An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Chaplain of this Houſe do attend to read prayers every Day at 9 o'Clock.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for perpetuating the Succeſſion of the Truſtees appointed by the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for enlarging and aſcertaining the Limits of the Borough of* Norfolk *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[3] *to amend An Act, intituled; An Act for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms, and in clearing of Ships, for aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the caſting Ballaſt or Dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks*, was read the third Time, and an engroſſed Rider added thereto.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Bill*, To compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Gaol Fever or Small Pox to perform Quarantine, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land in the Pariſh of *St Martin*, and County of *Hanover*, whereof *John Aylett* is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, for the Uſes therein mentioned, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *King William*, *Hanover*, and *Louiſa*.

A *Bill*, For building a Bridge over *Back* River by Subſcription, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee the firſt Day of *June* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'*Clock*.

Saturday, the 4th of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To impower the Adminiſtrators of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; deceaſed, to ſell ſuch Parts of his real or perſonal Eſtate, as to them ſhall ſeem moſt convenient, for the Payment of his Debts; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To prevent Hogs running at Large in the Town of Port *Royal*.

Alſo a *Bill*, For the Encouragement of the Settlers on the Lands in the upper Parts of *Auguſta* County; and the ſaid Bills were ſeverally read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony: The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration; but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 241. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 269. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 251.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Monday*.

Ordered, That a Call of the Houſe be on *Monday* next.

A *Bill*, To confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Deſcent or Purchaſe from Aliens, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To repeal an Act paſſed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That all former Orders and Reſolutions of this Houſe for allowing Fees upon private Bills to the *Speaker* of this Houſe, and the Officers of the General Aſſembly be abrogated and made void; and that for the future the Sum of £ 20 for all Bills for docking Eſtates Tail, the further Sum of £2 for every Hundred Pounds of the Value of ſuch Eſtate below £ 500, and £ 1 for every Hundred Pounds of the Value of ſuch Eſtate above £ 500, ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer of this Colony for the public Uſe, to be accounted for by him to the General Aſſembly. And the *Speaker* of this Houſe is hereby ordered and enjoined not to put any ſuch Bill to the third Reading for its paſſage through this Houſe, until the Perſon at whoſe Inſtance ſuch Bill ſhall be brought in hath produced to him a Certificate from under the Hand of the Treaſurer, that the ſaid ſeveral Sums have been reſpectively paid into the Treaſury, according to this Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 10 *o'Clock*.

Monday, the 6th of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, For the Puniſhment of Perſons who ſhall aid or aſſiſt Priſoners for Debt to eſcape or attempt to eſcape out of Priſon.

Alſo a *Bill*, For opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort *Pitt*, on the *Ohio*; and the ſaid Bills were ſeverally read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

He alſo reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill, For building a Bridge over *Back* River by Subſcription was committed, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made an Amendment thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Book of Claims; and the remaining Part thereof was read, and the Allowances of the ſeveral Officers being added, it was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry up the ſaid Book to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.

Alſo

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[1] Hening, VII, p. 152. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 241.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms and in clearing of Ships, for aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the caſting Ballaſt or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] for increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for perpetuating the Succeſſion of the Truſtees appointed by the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for enlarging and aſcertaining the limits of the Borough of *Norfolk*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[4] *to confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Deſcent or Purchaſe from Aliens*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[5] *to compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Gaol Fever or Small Pox, to perform Quarantine*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[6] *to repeal an Act paſſed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty* George *the Second, intituled, An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk, *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Newton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[7] *for increaſing the Rates of Ferriage at* Swan's *Point*, James Town *and* Crouche's *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[8] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* William Starke *is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[9] *to veſt certain Lands, whereof* Thomas Moore *is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Braxton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Perſons to whom the Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Lewellin Jones* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and found the Allegations to be true, and had made an Amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendment, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To enable the Juſtices of the County of *Amelia* to purchaſe Lands whereon to build a Court Houſe and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the ſecond Time; and committed to Mr *Tabb*, and Mr *Archibald Cary*.

A *Bill*, For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 251.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 267.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 269.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 260.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 261.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 263.
[8] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 289.
[9] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 285.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony: The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration; but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday, the 7th of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill, For erecting Warehouſes for the Reception of Hemp, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Lewellin Jones *is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for building a Bridge over* Back *River by Subſcription*, was read the third Time, and a blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[3] *for the Preſervation of the Breed of Cattle*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomſon Maſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Bill*, For opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort *Pitt* on the *Ohio*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To prohibit Merchants from retailing Liquors at or near Court Houſes on Court Days, or Days of General Muſters, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Henry Lee* and Mr *Mercer*.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony: The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported, that the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to repreſent the great Diſtreſs of this Colony, for want of a ſufficient circulating Medium for the Purpoſes of Trade and Commerce. That under our preſent Circumſtances Trade muſt neceſſarily be greatly obſtructed; the Poor liable to very dangerous Oppreſſions; the value of thoſe Commodities produced by the Labour of our People much diminiſhed, and that we ſhall be rendered unable to pay the great Balance due to *Great Britain*, unleſs we are permitted to

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 276. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 264. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 245.

to iſſue a ſufficient Quantity of Paper Money, to ſupply this Deficiency, on ſuch a Plan as may be moſt beneficial to this Colony, and leaſt detrimental to the Intereſt of any other of his Majeſty's Subjects.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be prepared agreeable to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr *Blair*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *Maſon*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *T. Walker*, Mr *Alexander*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, or any ſix of them to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to prepare a ſcheme for emitting Paper Money, in order to be tranſmitted to the Agent of this Colony.

Mr *Blair* informed the Houſe that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to Sit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

On a *Motion* Made,

Reſolved, That the Committee of Correſpondence be directed to write to the Agent to defend the Pariſh Collectors in all Appeals from Judgments here given, in Suits brought by the Clergy, for recovering their Salaries payable on or before the laſt Day of *May* 1759; and that this Houſe will engage to defray the Expence thereof.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the Bill For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf on the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 °'*Clock*.

Wednesday, the 8th of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

AN engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for erecting Warehouſes for the Reception of Hemp*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Book of Claims.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] to compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Goal Fever or Small Pox to perform Quarantine.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for increaſing the Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's* Point, *James Town*, and *Crouche's* Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] for altering the Court Days of the Counties of *Lancaſter*, *Princeſs Anne*, and *Elizabeth City*.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[5] for building a Bridge over *Back* River by Subſcription.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[6] for the Preſervation of the Breed of Cattle.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[7] to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *William Starke* is ſeized, in Fee Tail, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[8] to veſt certain Lands whereof *Thomas Moore* is ſeized in Fee Simple, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves.

Alſo to the Reſolve for allowing *Elias Gerrard* the Sum of £ 20 for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of £ 12 *per Annum* during his Life.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do wait on his Honor the Governor with the Book of Claims, and deſire his Aſſent thereto.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 253.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 260.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 263.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 265.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 264.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 245.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 280.
[8] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 285.

Reſolved, That a Committee be appointed to draw up ſome Propoſals to be ſent to the Aſſembly of *Maryland* to join with the Aſſembly of this Colony in erecting a Light Houſe on *Cape Henry*, for the Safety of Veſſels trading to this Colony and *Maryland*; and it is referred to Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *Wythe*, and Mr *Braxton* to prepare the ſame.

Mr *Tabb*, from the Perſons to whom the Bill, To enable the Juſtices of the County of *Amelia* to purchaſe Lands, whereon to build a Court Houſe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Henry*, from the Perſons to whom the Bill, To dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of *St Martin*, and County of *Hanover* whereof *John Aylett* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, for the Uſes therein mentioned, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had found the Allegations to be true, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to* Fort *Pitt on the* Ohio, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of the Houſe Keepers of *Overwharton* Pariſh, in the County of *Stafford*, praying, That the preſent veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, to the referred, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Henry Lee*, from the Perſons to whom the Bill, To prohibit Merchants from retailing Liquors at or near Court Houſes on Court Days, or Days of General Muſters, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where the ſame was again twice read, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Lewellen Jones* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof, without any Amendment.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] to repeal An Act paſſed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty *George* the Second, intituled, An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of *Norfolk* to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] to confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Deſcent or Purchaſe from Aliens with Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[5] *to confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Deſcent or Purchaſe from Aliens;* and the ſame being read were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 252. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 261. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250. [5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 276.

They alſo proceeded to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to repeal an Act paſſed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty* George *the Second, intituled, An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſaid Amendments being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Newton* do go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

A *Bill*, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to oblige the Proſecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, For further continuing and amending the Act intituled *An Act*[3] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, For the more effectual preventing the tending of Tobacco Seconds, was read the ſecond Time; and committed to Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Bland*.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[4] *to enable the Juſtices of the County of* Amelia *to purchaſe Lands, whereon to build a Court Houſe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Tabb* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the Bill, For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony: The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, that they had had the ſame under their Conſiderations, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to ſettle the public Proportions; to conſiſt of the following Perſons:

Mr *Archibald Cary*,	Mr *Richard Randolph*,
Mr *T. Walker*,	Mr *Page*, and,
Mr *Charles Carter, Lancaſter*,	Mr *Whiting*.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the enrolled Bills; to conſiſt of the following Perſons:

Mr *Dudley Digges*

Mr *Nelſon*,	Mr *Braxton*,
Mr *Francis Lee*,	Mr *Syme*, and,
Mr *William Digges*,	Mr *Burwell*.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 *o'Clock.*

Thurſday, the 9th of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

AN engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[5] *for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 261. [3] *Ibid.*, V, p. 326. [4] Not recorded as a law. [5] Hening, VIII, p. 266.
[2] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 246.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* be added to the Committee appointed to prepare an Addreſs to his Majeſty.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to oblige the Proſecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Simpſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[3] *to dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of* St Martin *and County of* Hanover, *whereof* John Aylett *is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, in Fee Simple, for the Uſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Braxton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, from the Committee appointed preſented to the Houſe according to Order, that the Committee appointed for drawing up Propoſals for erecting a Light Houſe on Cape *Henry*, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had come to the following Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follows:

Reſolved, That a Light Houſe be erected on Cape *Henry*, for the Convenience of Veſſels trading to this Colony; and that the Expence of building and maintaining ſuch Light Houſe be defrayed by a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, not exceeding 6d per Ton, for and during the Term of five Years; and after that Term what other Sum ſhall be found neceſſary to be paid by the Owners or Maſters, once every Voyage, at the Time of their clearing out; to be collected and received by the reſpective Collectors, or Officers, who ſhall be appointed to receive the ſame, and by them to be accounted for, and paid to the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Time being, appointed by, or purſuant to, an Act of Aſſembly, for the Uſes and Purpoſes aforeſaid. And that the *Speaker* of this Houſe be deſired to tranſmit this Reſolution to the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the Province of *Maryland;* that the ſame may be laid before them, and that they be requeſted to concur in this Scheme, which will be ſo beneficial to the Trade of both Colonies.

A *Bill*, For the Puniſhment of Perſons who ſhall aid or aſſiſt Priſoners for Debt to eſcape or attempt to eſcape out of Priſon, was read the ſecond Time; and committed to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Payne*.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax* be diſcharged from his Attendance on this Houſe; and that he be deſired to accept of £ 100 for his Trouble and Expenſes, which the Treaſurer is hereby directed to pay.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the public Treaſury, reported, that they had had the ſame under their further Conſideration, and had agreed upon the following Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Your *Committee*, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, have ſtated an Account of the Treaſury Notes, which have been iſſued for the public Service, ſince the End of the fourth Seſſion of the General Aſſembly held in the Year 1754, with the Amount of the Notes which have been burnt, and thoſe remaining in the Hands of the Treaſurer, whereby it appears that the ſum of £ 539, 962. 10. hath been iſſued in Treaſury Notes, ſince their firſt Emiſſion, for public Services: That Notes to the Amount of £ 326, 191. 18.2 have been burnt by the Committees appointed by Acts of Aſſembly for that Purpoſe

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 256. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 337. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 283.

poſe: That the Notes found in the Treaſury, being carefully examined and counted by your Committee amounted to £ 7043.9.8, of which they have burnt and deſtroyed £ 2225.3, being old Notes, whoſe Circulation is determined: That there now remains a Balance of £ 4818.6.8 in the Hands of the Treaſurer, to be applied towards the Redemption of the old Notes now in Circulation; ſo that the Notes now in Circulation amount to £ 206,727.2.2.

Your *Committee* then proceeded to examine into the Errors and Miſtakes committed in the late Treaſurer's Accounts, as mentioned in their former Report, and have ſtated an Account thereof, by which a further Balance of £ 1811.1.4 appears to be due, which added to the Balance of the former Account, would make the Debt at this Time due to the Public, from the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; £102,572.18.9; but his Adminiſtrators having paid into the Treaſury, ſince the Settlement of the former Account, £ 553.7.4, there remains now a Balance of £ 102,019.5.7 due to the Public, from the ſaid Eſtate.

Your *Committee* beg Leave to inform the Houſe, that the Difference between the former and preſent Balance, as ſtated in the ſaid Accounts, chiefly ariſes from ſundry Sums of Money paid to the late Treaſurer by the public Collectors, and not credited, for which Receipts have been produced: And as many other Miſtakes of this Sort may hereafter be diſcovered, your Committee cannot determine what the exact Balance, due from the late Treaſurer, may be.

Your *Committee* hath alſo examined the Accounts of the preſent Treaſurer, and find them clearly and diſtinctly ſtated, in proper Books; and having alſo examined his Vouchers for every Article charged and credited in thoſe Accounts, they find the Balances to be as follows: For the Land and Poll Tax, and Tax on Wheel Carriages, Writs and Ordinary Licences, and the Duty on Tobacco, there remains in the Hands of the Treaſurer, and is now in the public Treaſury, a Balance of £ 4818.6.8; that of the Money received for public Tobacco, there is a Balance of £ 374.17.8 due to the Country, and on the public Account, there is due to the Treaſurer, a Balance of £ 1233.6.6.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe being informed that Mr *James Pride* had ſent a certain Advertiſement to Mr *Rind*, the Printer, in order to be publiſhed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

Ordered, That Mr *Rind* be ſent for, and brought to the Bar of this Houſe, in Order to be examined in relation thereto.

Mr *Rind* being brought to the Bar, and examined, he informed the Houſe that the ſaid Advertiſement was delivered to him by Mr *George Savage*, in the Name of Mr *Pride*, with Directions to publiſh it in the *Virginia Gazette*, and the ſaid *Rind* was ordered to retire.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Mr *George Savage* be ſent for to the Bar of the Houſe, in Order to be examined, touching the ſaid Advertiſement: being brought to the Bar, he informed the Houſe, that the Advertiſement then before the Houſe, was a true Copy, delivered to him by Mr *James Pride*, with directions from the ſaid *Pride* to carry it to Mr *Rind*, the Printer, in Order to have it publiſhed in the *Virginia Gazette;* and then the ſaid *Savage* was ordered to retire.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Advertiſement is a ſcandalous Inſult upon the Members of this Houſe and a high Breach of their Privileges.

Ordered, That the Serjeant of this Houſe do immediately go with the Mace while the Houſe is ſitting, to the public Gaol, and bring the ſaid *Pride* from thence to the Bar of this Houſe, in Order to receive a Reprimand from the *Speaker;* Being brought to the Bar he was Reprimanded by the *Speaker* accordingly.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered

Ordered, That the Serjeant do, with the Mace, return the ſaid *Pride* to the public Gaoler, and give him Directions to keep the ſaid *Pride* in cloſe Confinement, without the Uſe of Pen, Ink, or Paper; and that he be fed on Bread only, and allowed no ſtrong Liquor whatſoever.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, that the Committee appointed had according to Order, ſettled the Proportion of the Country Levy, and ſtated the ſame in a Book; which he delivered in at the Table, where it was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Book to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For eſtabliſhing Fairs in the Town of *Mecklenburg*, in the County of *Frederick*; and it is referred, to Mr *Robert Rutherford*, and Mr *Wood* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Rutherford* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, the ſaid Bill; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The ſaid *Bill* was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill* For the Encouragement of Settlers on the Lands in the upper Parts of *Auguſta* County, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To prevent Hogs running at large, in the Town of *Port Royal*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To impower the Adminiſtrators of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr; deceaſed, to ſell ſuch Parts of his real or perſonal Eſtate as to them ſhall ſeem moſt convenient for the Payment of his Debts, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To repeal ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the 25th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for building a Bridge over* Appamattox *River by Subſcription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of* Dinwiddie *and* Cheſterfield, *from building a Bridge at the Place in the ſaid Act mentioned, at the Charge of the ſaid Counties*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For raiſing a public Levy; and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill*, for applying to the Aid of the public Fund the Surplus of the Money, which ſhall remain in the Hands of the Treaſurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, for raiſing a public Levy, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly was read the third Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 *o'Clock.*

Friday

[1] Hening, VI, p. 293.

Friday, the 10th of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland*, from the Perſons to whom the Bill, For the Puniſhment of Perſons who ſhall aid or aſſiſt Priſoners for Debt to eſcape or attempt to eſcape out of Priſon, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to repeal ſo much of An Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the 25th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over* Appamattox *River by Subſcription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of* Dinwiddie, *and* Cheſterfield *from building a Bridge at the Place in the ſaid Act mentioned, at the Charge of the ſaid Counties*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to prevent Hogs running at large, in the Town of* Port Royal, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[3] *for the Encouragement of Settlers on the Lands in the upper parts of* Auguſta *County*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[4] *to impower the Adminiſtrators of the Eſtate of* John Robinſon, *Eſqr; deceaſed to ſell ſuch Parts of his real or perſonal Eſtate, as to them ſhall ſeem moſt convenient, for the Payment of his Debts*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[5] *for applying to the Aid of the public Fund the Surplus of the Money which ſhall remain in the Hands of the Treaſurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, for raiſing a Public Levy, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[6] *for eſtabliſhing Fairs in the Town of* Mecklenburg, *in the County of* Frederick, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[7] *for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Maſon* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, For the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the State of the Colony: The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* returned

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 259.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 266.
[3] Not recorded as a law.
[4] Hening, VIII, p. 272.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 239.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 255.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 293.

reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration; but not having Time to go through the ſame they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Lewis*, Mr *Braxton*, and Mr *Tabb*, be added to the Committee appointed to draw up an humble Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To veſt certain Lands in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Book of Proportions

Alſo to the Treaſurer's Accounts

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] to impower the Adminiſtrators of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr deceaſed, to ſell ſuch Parts of his real or perſonal Eſtate, as to them ſhall ſeem moſt convenient, for the Payment of his Debts.

Alſo to the Bill For applying to the Aid of the public Fund the Surplus of the Money, which ſhall remain in the Hands of Treaſurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly for raiſing a Public Levy and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] to prevent Hogs running at large in the Town of *Port Royal*.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] for eſtabliſhing Fairs in the Town of *Mecklenburg* in the County of *Frederick*.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[5] for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[6] for opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort *Pitt* on the *Ohio*.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[7] for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[8] for erecting Warehouſes for the Reception of Hemp.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[9] to dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land in the Pariſh of St *Martin*, and County of *Hanover*, whereof *John Aylett* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple for the Uſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment*.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[10] to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to oblige the Proſecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted, *with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe*.

Alſo to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[11] to repeal ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the 25th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over *Appamattox* River by Subſcription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of *Dinwiddie* and *Chesterfield*, from building a Bridge at the place in the ſaid Act mentioned, *with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe*.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[12] *to amend and Act intituled, An Act to oblige the Proſecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted;* and the ſaid Amendment being read was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 272.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 293.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p 266.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 255.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 266.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p 252.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 237.
[8] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 253.
[9] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 283.
[10] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 256.
[11] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 259.
[12] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 256.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to repeal ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the 25th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over* Appomattox *River by Subſcription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of* Dinwiddie, *and* Cheſterfield, *from building a Bridge at the Place in the ſaid Act mentioned*; and the ſaid Amendment being read was diſagreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do go to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have diſagreed to the Amendment propoſed by them to the ſaid Bill and do deſire they will recede from the ſaid Amendment.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, To veſt certain Lands in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for the Puniſhment of Perſons who ſhall aid or aſſiſt Priſoners for Debt to eſcape or attempt to eſcape out of Priſon*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Blair*, from the Committee appointed, preſented to the Houſe according to Order an Addreſs to the King; which he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and be by the Committee of Correſpondence tranſmitted to the Agent of this Colony, in order to be laid before his Majeſty.

Mr *Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, For raiſing a public Levy; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To veſt certain Lands in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, For raiſing a public Levy, was read the ſecond Time; and committed to Mr *Cary*, and Mr *Mercer*.

And then then Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 *o'Clock.*

Saturday, the 11th of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

ON a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be diſcharged from Conſidering the Petition of *Job Pearſal* to them Committed; and that the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill, To oblige *John Field*, *John Poſey*, and *James Gunn* to ſettle with the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the ſeveral Sums reſpectively received from the Public for the Pay of their Companies of Artificers, and to pay the Balance, if any, in their Hands to the ſaid Treaſurer for the Public Uſe, be diſcharged therefrom.

Mr *Nicholas*, from the Committee to whom the Petition of *Conſtant Woodſon*, was committed, reported, that they had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Sum of £ 100 be paid out of the Public Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer, to the ſaid *Conſtant Woodſon*, as a Reward for diſcovering her Method of curing Cancers upon her producing a Certificate from under the Hands of Doctr *Theodorick*

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 259

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 240

Theodorick Bland, Dr *James Field*, Dr *William Black* and Dr *Robert Brown*, or any two of them who are by this Houſe appointed to make an Experiment of the Efficacy of the Medicine that ſhall be by the ſaid *Conſtant Woodſon* to them communicated, of their Approbation thereof, and thereupon the ſame ſhall be publiſhed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be engroſſed; and that Mr *Nicholas* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have receded from the Amendment propoſed by them to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] to repeal ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the 25th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over *Appamattox* River by Subſcription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of *Dinwiddie*, and *Cheſterfield*, from building a Bridge at the Place in the ſaid Act mentioned.

That they have alſo agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] for the Puniſhment of Perſons who ſhall aid or aſſiſt Priſoners for Debt to eſcape or attempt to eſcape out of Priſon.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, preſented to the Houſe a Schedule, containing ſundry Money Claims; and the ſame was read.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Schedule do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Correſpondence be directed to deſire the Agent to uſe his Endeavours to procure his Majeſty's Aſſent to the Bill intituled, *An Act*[3] *for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves*.

Mr *Henry Lee* from the Perſons to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the tending of Tobacco Seconds, was committed, reported, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, do lie on the Table.

Mr *Cary* from the Perſons to whom the Bill, For raiſing a public Levy, was committed, reported, That they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had made ſome Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments, were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act*[4] *to veſt certain Lands in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be preſented to the Governor to deſire that he will be pleaſed to ſuſpend Mr *James Pride* from the Execution of his Offices, as Naval Officer of *York* River.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *James Mercer* do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Fleming* preſented to the Houſe a Schedule, containing ſundry Money Claims; and the ſame was read.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Schedule do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fleming* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Blair* from the Committee appointed preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, an addreſs to his Majeſty, relative to our Currency; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 259. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 240. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 237. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 270.

He *alſo* reported, according to Order, a Scheme for emitting Paper Currency; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

As ſoon as Permiſſion is obtained from his Majeſty, which 'tis hoped may be by *April* 1768, £ 200,000 in Paper Money, redeemable in *October* 1783, to be ſtruck and delivered to three Commiſſioners, to be ſtiled Truſtees of the Loan Office, who are to give Security, and be upon Oath to diſcharge their Truſt faithfully and impartially.

They are to lend out the Money at an Intereſt of 5 per Cent. to be paid annually, and one third of the Principal to be repaid in *April* 1773, one other Third in *April* 1778, and the Reſidue in *April* 1783; to take ſufficient Security; and on failure in paying the Intereſt or Principal at the Stated Times, a ſpeedy Method to be taken to call in the whole Principal and Intereſt due from ſuch Borrower.

The preſent Tax on Wheel Carriages, and Ordinary Licences, to be continued, and an additional Duty of a Penny per Gallon on Rum imported from *April* 1769 to *April* 1783, to be paid to the Truſtees of the Loan Office, in Aid of the Intereſt received from the Borrowers, to enable them to defray all Expences attending the Execution of the Plan, and to pay to the Treaſurer of *Virginia* the 3/- Current Money per Hogſhead on Tobacco now paid by the Shipper (and which is to ceaſe from 1768 to 1779) to diſcharge the Expences of the Inſpection Law.

An Account ſtated with the Truſtees will beſt illuſtrate the Progreſs and End of this part of the Plan:

Dr.....The Truſtees of the Loan Office.....Cr

	£ s d		£ s d
To the Paper Money ſtruck and delivered them in 1768	200,000. 0.0	By Expences, including Managers and Clerks for the two Offices collecting the Duties and other contingent charges here & negotiating Bills &c. in *Great Britain* at £ 2081.5 a Year is for 5 Years.....	10,406. 5
The Borrowers for Intereſt 5 Years to 1773.....	50,000. 0.0	By Treaſurer for 3/- on 50,000 Hdd of Tobo is £ 7500 a Year for 5 Years.....	37,500. 0
Dittº for ⅓ of the Principal then paid in.....	66,666.13.4		47,906. 5
	316,666.13.4	By negotiating Office to be pd to, and by them remitted to *Great Britain* & paid in part of the Money borrowed there.....	68,760. 8.4
		By the third part of the Principal paid per Contra.....	66,666.13.4
			183,333. 6.8
		Balance due	133,333. 6.8
			316,666.13.4
To Balance per Contra in 1773..... £	133,333. 6.8	By Expences at 3/- a Hd as above for this Period.....	47,906. 5
Borrowers for Intereſt thereon 5 Years to 1778.....	33,333. 6.8	By negotiating Office to be remitted to pay the Balance of the Money borrowed in	

Tax

Tax on Carriages, and Licences & an additional Duty upon Rum at £ 2600 per Annum for 9 Years from 1770 to 1778 inclusive	23,400. 0.0	*Britain* being £ 31,250 Sterling at 25 per Cent. ..	39,062.10
Borrowers for one third then paid	66,666.13.4	By the one third of the Principal as per Contra.....	66,666.13.4
		By so much Paper Money to be by them burnt in 1778	36,431.5
	256,733. 6.8		190,066.13.4
		Balance due.....	66,666.13.4
			256,733. 6.8
To Balance per Contra in 1778.....	66,666.13.4	By Expences only during this period.....	10,406. 5
Borrowers Intereſt thereon 5 Years to 1783.....	16,666.13.4	By one Year's Inſpectors Duty, paid to 1779.....	7,500. 0.0
D° for the Ball. p^d in then	66,666.13.4	By one third of the Principal per Contra	66,666.13.4
	150,000.	By the remainder of the £ 200,000 Notes to be burnt in 1783.....	163,558.15.0
Taxes on Carriages Licences and Rum 5 Years	13,000. 0		248,141.13.4
To the Negotiating Office for Bills to be drawn by them for £ 68,113. 6.8 Sterling to enable the Truſtees to call in and burn the remainder of the Paper Money	85,141.13.4		
	248,141.13.4		

To preſerve the Credit of the Paper Money, and prevent the Evils ariſing from its local Nature by eſtabliſhing a Fund in *Great Britain*, on which Bills of Exchange may be drawn and enchanged for the Paper Money, when Remittances to other Places may require it.

It is propoſed to borrow at an Intereſt of 5 per Cent., the Sum of £ 100,000, to be placed in the Bank or ſome other public Fund in *Great Britain*, and Subject to the Draughts and Directions of three Commiſſioners here, to be ſtiled the Commiſſioners of the Negotiating Office, who are to trade upon that Stock in buying and ſelling Bills of Exchange, as they ſhall find it neceſſary to preſerve the Credit of the Paper Money. They are alſo to give Security, and be upon Oath to engage their Fidelity and Impartiality, and are not to exceed 30 per Cent, or be under 25 per Cent. for the Difference of Exchange in the Purchaſe or Sale of Bills.

The Intereſt to be annually paid by a Tax of 2/- Sterling on Tobacco exported in Lieu of the Inſpection Tax of 3/-.

A State of their Account will ſhew how their Principal and Intereſt is propoſed to be repaid:

D^rs	The Lenders of Money in *Great Britain*				C^rs
	£	s	d	£	s d
To 2/- per H^d on 50,000 H^d of Tob° for 6 Y^rs at £ 5000 to be collected and remitted annually.....	30,000. 0.0			By lent in 1768.....	100,000. 0.0
To the Negotiating Office for Bills to be remitted in 1774.....	55,000. 0.0			Six Years Intereſt thereon to 1774.....	30,000. 0.0
	85,000. 0.0				£130,000. 0.0
Balance due then....	45,000. 0.0				
	130,000. 0.0				

1779 To the Tob° Duty for this Period.....	25,000. 0.0	By Ball^s due in 1774.....	45,000. 0.0
To the Negotiating Office for Bills then to be remitted.....	31,250. 0.0	Five Years Int^t thereon to 1779.	11,250. 0.0
			56,250. 0.0
	56,250. 0.0		

The Public Faith to be engaged to make good any Deficiency.

D^r^ The Commiſſioners of the negotiating Office			C^r^
1768 To their Stock borrowed in *Great Britain* ..	100,000. 0.0	1774 By the lenders for ſo much paid them.....	55,000. 0.0
1773 To loan Office receive then of them £ 68, 760 Current	55,008. 6.8	1779 By D°.....	31,250.
1778 Ditto for Ditto £ 39, 062. 10.....	31,250.10.0	1783 By loan Office for ſo much p^d^ to redeem £ 85,141.13. 4 Paper	68,113. 6.8
			154,363. 6.8
	186,258.16.8	Bal^s due & belong^s to the Public	31,895.10.0
			£ 186,258.16.8

Ordered, That M^r^ *Blair* do go up to the Council to acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the foregoing Addreſs and Scheme; to which they deſire their Concurrence: And, further, that they deſire a Conference with them on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Addreſs and Scheme; and will appoint a certain Number of their Members to meet ſuch as ſhall be appointed by the Council for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That M^r^ *Blair*, M^r^ *Pendleton*, M^r^ *Archibald Cary*, M^r^ *Braxton*, M^r^ *Nicholas*, and M^r^ *Waſhington*, be appointed Managers for this Houſe at the Conference.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by M^r^ *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill *intituled*, An Act[1] to veſt certain Lands in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Schedule, containing ſundry Money Claims.

Alſo to the Reſolve for allowing *Conſtant Woodſon* the Sum of £ 100 for her diſcovering the Method of curing Cancers, on her producing a proper Certificate from the Perſons therein mentioned.

An engroſſed *Bill*, intituled *An Act*[2] *for raiſing a public Levy, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r^ *Archibald Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be printed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by M^r^ *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for raiſing a public Levy, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Af alſo to the Conference deſired by this Houſe; and have appointed three of their Members to manage the ſame, who are now ready in the Conference Chamber to meet the Managers appointed by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Managers appointed by this Houſe do immediately attend thoſe of the Council, in the Conference Chamber; and they accordingly withdrew.

M^r^ *Blair* informed the Houſe that the Managers for the Council met in the Conference Chamber, and received of them the Addreſs to his Majeſty, and the Scheme for emitting Paper Currency, and then withdrew.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 270. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 273. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 273.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe;*

That they deſire a Conference on the Subject of the laſt, and are now ready in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That the Managers appointed by this Houſe do immediately attend thoſe of the Council, in the Conference Chamber; and they accordingly withdrew.

Mr *Blair* reported, That the Managers for the Houſe had according to Order, met the Managers for the Council, in the Conference Chamber, who had acquainted them that the Council had conſidered the Addreſs and Scheme, and could not agree to them; and directed that the ſame ſhould be returned to this Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed and tranſmitted by the Committee of Correſpondence to the Agent of this Colony in Order to be laid before his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the ſaid Scheme be alſo tranſmitted to the ſaid Agent; and that he be deſired to make an Enquiry whether a Sum of Money can be borrowed on the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned for two Hours.

The Houſe met according to their Adjournment.

Mr *Dudley Digges* reported, That the Committee appointed had according to Order, examined the enrolled Bills and Reſolves, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein; and that they were truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Dudley Digges* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe.*

That they have inſpected the enrolled Bills and Reſolves, and are ſatiſfied they are truly enrolled.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe.*

The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills and Reſolves as are ready for his Aſſent.

Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up accordingly; and his Honor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following public and private Acts:

1. *An Act*[1] *for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

2. *An Act*[2] *For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony.*

3. [3]*For applying to the Aid of the public Fund, the Surplus of the Money which ſhall remain in the Hands of the Treaſurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, for raiſing a public Levy, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

4. [4]*For the Puniſhment of Perſons who ſhall aid or aſſiſt Priſoners for Debt to eſcape or attempt to eſcape out of Priſon.*

5. [5]*To continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.*

6. [6]*For the Preſervation of the Breed of Cattle.*

7. [7]*To confirm the Titles to lands claimed by deſcent or Purchaſe from Aliens.*

8. [8]*To amend An Act intituled An Act for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms and in clearing of Ships, for aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees and to Prohibit and prevent the caſting Ballaſt or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks.*

9. [9]*For opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort* Pitt *on the* Ohio.

10. [10]*An Act For erecting Warehouſes for the reception of Hemp.*

11. [11]*For eſtabliſhing Fairs in the Town of* Mecklenburg *in the County of* Frederick.

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 232.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 237.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 239.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 240.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 241.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 245.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250.
[8] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 251.
[9] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 252.
[10] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 253.
[11] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 255.

12. [1]*To amend and Act intituled An Act to oblige the Profecutors of Offences not capital to pay the Coſts of the Profecution where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted.*

13. [2]*For exempting the Inhabitants of* Mecklenburg *County, and alſo the Miniſter and other Pariſhioners of* St. James' *Pariſh in the ſaid County for the Payment of Ferriage on* Sundays *Court Days and on the Days appointed for General Muſter.*

14. [3]*To repeal ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the 25th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over* Appamattox *River by Subſcription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of* Dinwiddie *and* Chefterfield *from building a Bridge at the Place in the ſaid Act mentioned, at the Charge of the ſaid Counties.*

15. [4]*To compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Gaol Fever or Small Pox to perform Quarantine.*

16. [5]*To repeal An Act paſſed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty* George *the ſecond Intituled An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

17. [6]*For increaſing the rates of Ferriage at* Swan's *Point,* James Town, *and* Crouche's *Creek and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

18. [7]*For building a Bridge over* Back *River by Subſcription.*

19. [8]*For altering the Court Days of the Counties of* Lancaſter, Princeſs Anne, *and* Elizabeth City.

20. [9]*To prevent Hogs running at Large in the Town of* Port Royal.

21. [10]*For further continuing and amending the Act intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, & for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

22. [11]*For increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Frederick *in the County of* Frederick.

23. [12]*For perpetuating the Succeſſion of the Truſtees appointed by the Act of Aſſembly intituled An Act for enlarging and aſcertaining the Limits of the Borough of* Norfolk *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

24. [13]*To veſt certain Lands in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

25. [14]*To impower the Adminiſtrators of the Eſtate of* John Robinſon, *Eſq', deceaſed, to ſell ſuch Parts of his real or perſonal Eſtate as to them ſhall ſeem moſt convenient for the Payment of his Debts.*

26. [15]*For raiſing a Public Levy.*

27. *A Schedule containing ſundry Money Claims.*

28. [16]*To Dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Lewellen Jones *is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof.*

29. [17]*To Dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Kendall Lee *is ſeized and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

30. [18]*To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Harry Beverley, *Gent. is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed, in lieu thereof.*

31. [19]*To dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land in the Pariſh of St.* Martin, *& County of* Hanover, *whereof* John Aylett *is ſeized in Fee Tail, & for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple for the Uſes therein mentioned.*

32. [20]*To veſt certain Lands whereof* Thomas Moore *is ſeized in Fee Tail, in Truſtees to be ſold, & the Money laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves.*

33. [21]*To impower* George Parker *to pay a certain Sum of Money in lieu of an Annuity charged on certain Slaves whereof he is Poſſeſſed.*

34. [22]*To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* William Starke *is ſeized in Fee Tail for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes.*

35. [23]*To dock the Entail of* 800 *Acres of Land in the County of* Amelia, *whereof* Anne Hall

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 256.
2 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 257.
3 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 259.
4 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 260.
5 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 261.
6 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 263.
7 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 264.
8 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 265.
9 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 266.
10 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 266.
11 *Ibid.*, VIII, p 267.
12 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 269.
13 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 270.
14 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 272.
15 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 273.
16 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 276.
17 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 278.
18 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 280.
19 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 283.
20 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 285.
21 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 287.
22 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 289.
23 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 291.

Hall, *Wife of* John Hall, *is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*

36. [1]*For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

His Honour likewiſe gave his Aſſent to the following Reſolves,

1. *That* Elias Gerrard *ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 20 for his preſent Relief, and the further Sum of £ 12 per Annum during Life, as a Recompence for the Wound he received in the Service of the Country.*

2. *For allowing* Conſtant Woodſon *the Sum of £ 100 for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

And then his Honour was pleaſed to prorogue the Aſſembly to the laſt *Thurſday* in *July* next.

Gentlemen of the Council, M[r] *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

As you have gone through all the bills which were before you and as I judge a receſs from publick buſineſs will be agreeable to you, I ſhall not longer keep you from your reſpective homes.

But,

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

There is a ſubject which gives me concern, on which I ſhall particularly addreſs myſelf to you, as it is your peculiar province to provide means for the ſubſiſtence of the poor of any kind. The ſubject I mean is the caſe of the poor lunaticks. I find on your journals that it was

Reſolved, That an hoſpital be erected for the reception of perſons who are ſo unhappy as to be deprived of their reaſon.

And that it was

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a bill purſuant to the above reſolution.

But I do not find that any thing more was done in it. It was a meaſure which I think could offend no party, and which I was in hopes humanity would have dictated to every man, as ſoon as he was made acquainted with the call for it. It alſo concerns me much on another account; for as the caſe now ſtands, I am as it were compelled to the daily commiſſion of an illegal act, by confining, without any authority, a poor lunatick who, if ſet at liberty, would be miſchievous to ſociety; and I would chooſe to be bound by, and obſervant of, the laws of the country. As I think this a point of ſome importance to the eaſe and comfort of the whole community, as well as a point of charity to the unhappy objects, I ſhall again recommend it to you at your next meeting; when I hope, after mature reflection, it will be found to be more worthy your attention than it has been in this.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I have nothing more to add, at this time: Therefore I ſhall immediately diſmiſs you, by proroguing you, and you are accordingly prorogued, to the laſt Thurſday *in* July *next.*

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 293.

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Accomack	*Thomas Parramore *Southey Simpſon
Albemarle	Thomas Walker *Edward Carter
Amelia	Thomas Tabb *Robert Munford
Amherſt	William Cabell, Jr. *Cornelius Thomas
Auguſta	John Wilſon *William Preſton
Bedford	*John Talbot *James Callaway
Brunſwick	William Thornton Frederick Maclin
Buckingham	*Joſeph Cabell *Samuel Jordan
Caroline	Edmund Pendleton *Walker Taliaferro
Charles City	Benjamin Harriſon *William Acrill
Charlotte	*Clement Read *Paul Carrington
Cheſterfield	Archibald Cary *Seth Ward
The College	John Blair
Culpeper	*John Field *Thomas Slaughter
Cumberland	*Alexander Trent *John Mayo
Dinwiddie	*Robert Bolling John Baniſter
Elizabeth City	†George Wythe Wilſon Miles Cary
Eſſex	John Lee *Francis Waring
Fairfax	*George Waſhington *John Weſt
Fauquier	*Thomas Harriſon Thomas Marſhall
Frederick	*Robert Rutherford *James Wood
Glouceſter	John Page *Thomas Whiting
Goochland	John Payne John Bolling
Halifax	*Walter Coles *Edward Booker
Hampſhire	*Thomas Rutherford James Mercer
Hanover	*John Syme *Samuel Meredith
Henrico	*Richard Randolph Bowler Cocke, Jr.
Iſle of Wight	*Dolphin Drew *Richard Baker
James City	Lewis Burwell Robert Carter Nicholas
Jameſtown	*Edward Ambler
King & Queen	*George Brooke *Richard Tunſtall
King George	*Charles Carter *William Robinſon
King William	Carter Braxton *Thomas Claiborne
Lancaſter	*Robert Mitchell Charles Carter
Loudoun	Francis Lightfoot Lee *James Hamilton
Louiſa	*Patrick Henry, Jr. *Richard Anderſon
Lunenburg	*William Taylor *Henry Blagrave
Mecklenburg	*Henry Delaney *Robert Munford
Middleſex	*John Smith *Gawin Corbin
Nanſemond	Lemuel Riddick *Willis Riddick
New Kent	*Burwell Baſſett *William Clayton
Norfolk	*Thomas Newton, Jr. *Robert Tucker, Jr.
Norfolk Borough	*Joſeph Hutchings
Northampton	*John Harmanſon Severn Eyre
Northumberland	*Spencer Mottrom Ball *Thomas Gaſkins
Orange	*James Walker *Zachariah Burnley

*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.
†George Wythe was elected Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes March 31, 1768.

Prince Edward	Peter LeGrand *Nathaniel Venable	Stafford	John Alexander Thomfon Mafon
Prince George	Richard Bland *Peter Poythrefs	Surry	*Hartwell Cocke *Thomas Bailey
Prince William	Henry Lee *Foufhee Tebbs	Suffex	*David Mafon John Edmunds
Princefs Anne	*Edward Hack Mofeley *Robert Ballard	Warwick	William Harwood William Digges
Richmond	John Woodbridge *Landon Carter	Weftmoreland	*Richard Henry Lee Richard Lee
Southampton	Jofeph Gray *Benjamin Symmons	Williamfburg	Peyton Randolph
Spotfylvania	*Benjamin Grymes *Fielding Lewis	York	Dudley Digges Thomas Nelfon, Jr.

*Not fhown by the Journal to have been prefent during the Affembly.

Changes in the Perfonnel, 1768.

Cumberland	John Mayo fucceeded John Fleming
Fauquier	James Scott fucceeded Thomas Marfhall
Goochland	John Woodfon fucceeded John Bolling
Ifle of Wight	Richard Baker fucceeded James Bridges
King William	Thomas Claiborne fucceeded Harry Gaines
Prince Edward	Thomas Scott fucceeded Peter LeGrand
Prince George	Peter Poythrefs fucceeded Alexander Bolling

By his Excellency, the Right Honourable Francis Fauquier, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the ſame:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the laſt *Thurſday* in *July* next, but it being unneceſſary for them to convene at that time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Conſent and Advice of his Majeſty's Council, by this Proclamation in his Majeſty's Name to farther prorogue the ſaid Aſſembly to the laſt *Thurſday* in *November* next.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamſburg* this ſixteenth Day of *July* in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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By his Excellency the Right Honourable Francis Fauquier, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last *Thursday* in *November*, and it being unnecessary for them to meet at that time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Consent and Advice of his Majesty's Council, to farther prorogue the said Assembly to the first *Thursday* in *May* next; at which Time their Attendance is required at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, for the Dispatch of the Business of the Colony.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamsburg* aforesaid this twelfth Day of *November* in the eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

By his Excellency the Right Honourable Francis Fauquier, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governour General and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the ſame:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the firſt *Thurſday* in *May* next, and it being neceſſary that they ſhould meet before that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Conſent and Advice of his Majeſty's Council, to ſummons them to appear on the laſt *Thurſday* of *March* next.

Given under my hand, and the ſeal of the Colony, at *Williamſburg*, this twenty-ſecond Day of *January* in the eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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By the Honourable John Blair Eſq; Preſident of his Majeſty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the ſaid Colony and Dominion:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the late Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief of this dominion thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, to order, by his proclamation, bearing date of the 22d day of *January* laſt, that the General Aſſembly ſhould meet on the laſt day of this inſtant *March*, at the Capitol in *Williamſburg*; and *whereas* the cauſe for their meeting them ſtill ſubſiſts, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majeſty's Council, to iſſue this proclamation, in his Majeſty's name, requiring the meeting of the General Aſſembly on the ſaid laſt day of *March*, at the Capitol, for the deſpatch of the important buſineſs I ſhall recommend to them.

Given under my hand, and the ſeal of the colony, at *Williamſburg*, this ſeventh day of *March*, 1768, and in the 8th year of his Majeſty's Reign.

John Blair.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

JOURNAL

of the

HOUSE OF BURGESSES

Thursday, the 31st of March, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

GEORGE *Wythe*, Gentleman, having been appointed Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, in the Room of *John Randolph*, Eſqr: who had reſigned, and having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Abjuration Oath, and alſo the Oath of Office in due Form, and having repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place.

A *Meſſage* from the Preſident by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Preſident commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe went up to attend the Preſident.

And being returned, Mr *Speaker* reported that the Houſe had attended the Preſident in the Council Chamber; where he was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe; of which Mr *Speaker*, ſaid he had to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz*t

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

Our late worthy Governor having deſigned to meet you here at this Time, the Reaſons of that his Intention have been re-conſidered by me in Council, and the Objects for your Conſideration he had to lay before you, have been judged to be of ſuch Importance to the Honour and Service of his Majeſty, and to the Security, Eaſe and Happineſs of the People, that I was adviſed (as the Adminiſtration was devolved on me) to renew the Proclamation for your Meeting.

By Letters from his Excellency General Gage, *Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Forces, and from Sir* William Johnſon, *Superintendant of* Indian *Affairs, which I ſhall cauſe to be laid before you, it will appear that a Set of Men, regardleſs of the Laws of natural Juſtice, unmindful of the Duties they owe to Society, and in Contempt of the Royal Proclamations, have dared to ſettle themſelves upon the Lands near* Red Stone *Creek, and* Cheat *River, which are the Property of the* Indians *and notwithſtanding the repeated Warnings of the Danger of ſuch lawleſs Proceedings and the ſtrict and ſpirited Injunctions to them to deſiſt, and to quit their unjuſt Poſſeſſions, they ſtill remain unmoved, and ſeem to defy the Orders and even the Powers of Government.*

What avails it, Gentlemen, that we have Laws to repreſs the Fraud and Violence committed by Individuals upon each other and thereby to preſerve the internal Peace and Order of the Country, if we have not a coercive legal Power, ſufficient to reſtrain and puniſh thoſe, who, by their Conduct, are drawing upon the whole Community one of the dreadfulleſt public Calamities that can befal us? Late experience hath ſhewn us the Variety of Evils which the Inhabitants on the Frontiers ſuffered during an Indian *War, nor can you have forgot the Torrents of human Blood which drenched our Lands, and the cruel Captivity to which ſo many of every Age and Sex were ſubjected. No. The tender Heart of Man cannot ſo ſoon diveſt itſelf of the Feelings of Humanity, which were excited by thoſe Scenes of complicated Miſery.*

And

And ſhall we, can we, permit theſe Banditti, theſe abandoned Men in Proſecution of their uſurped Pretenſions, to open afreſh thoſe Sluices of Blood, whoſe flowing hath been ſo lately ſtopt by the Wiſdom, Fortitude, and paternal Care of our moſt gracious Sovereign? I will rather hope for your Aſſiſtance to ſtrengthen the Hands of Government, and to enable me by ſome prudent Law, to prevent the fatal Conſequences which muſt otherwiſe follow, from the Diſcontent and naturally vindictive Diſpoſition of the Indians.

M^r *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

If you ſhall find it neceſſary to lay any Tax upon the People for the Service I have here recommended to you, I have no Occaſion to mention my earneſt Deſire that it may be done in a manner that ſhall be as little burthenſome to them as it is poſſible. They have long borne they have long groaned under, the Weight of Taxes: Could I live to ſee a Period to them, it would be great Conſolation to me in the Decline of Life.

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

A Memorial which the Treaſurer preſented to the Late Governor, and which will alſo be laid before you, is to be a further Subject of your Conſideration. If you think that the People can with Propriety be relieved from any part of the heavy Taxes they have laboured under, I perſuade myſelf that your Inclination to do it is equal to my own; and I need not caution you, that in any Act for this Purpoſe; regard muſt be had to the public Faith already plighted, and to Acts of Parliament, which must be the invariable Rules of my Conduct, and I hope they will have their proper Weight in your Deliberations upon this Occaſion.

The Inconvenience of carrying on the public Buſineſs at both Ends of the Capitol at the ſame Time, is ſo well known to you, that it is unneceſſary for me to recommend Diſpatch in your Proceedings, ſo that they may be finiſhed before the General Court begins. Indeed the Benefits ariſing from the wiſeſt Laws for the good Government of a Country, are greatly diminiſhed if the Execution of them meets with Delays and Interruptions, from whatever Cauſe they may happen.

I cannot conclude without paying the juſt Tribute to the Memory of our late Governor, whoſe Death we now lament. His diſtinguiſhed abilities in Government, his unwearied Application and Attention to the Duties of his Station, made him happy in the Approbation of his Royal Maſter. His Integrity, good Senſe, Candour, Eaſineſs of Acceſs, and his Endeavours for our Happineſs, aſſured him of the Gratitude and Affection of us all. May the Wiſdom and Goodneſs of our moſt excellent Sovereign, direct him in the Choice of a Succeſſor; whoſe mind is equally cultivated in the Arts of Government, and is equally zealous in promoting the great Ends of it.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor the Preſident, returning the Thanks of this Houſe for his kind and affectionate Speech; to condole with him on the Loſs of our late worthy Governor, and to congratulate him on his Succeſſion to the Adminiſtration of Government, the juſt Reward of his long and faithful Services to our Sovereign and his People here; and to aſſure his Honor that we will take the important Matters recommended to us under our immediate Conſideration, and do therein what ſhall be judged moſt proper for the true Intereſt of the Colony.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Preſident upon the ſaid Reſolutions.

And a *Committee* was appointed of M^r *Pendleton* and M^r *Archibald Cary.*

Ordered, That the Preſident's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

M^r *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that the Preſident had delivered to him the Letters and Memorial referred to in his Speech, in order to be laid before this Houſe; and he delivered them in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters and Memorial do lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That the Preſident's Speech be taken into Conſideration on *Saturday* next.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Funds ariſing upon the Land and Poll Tax, the additional Duty upon Slaves, the Tax upon Tobacco, Wheel-Carriages, Writs, and Ordinary Licences, which were impoſed by the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly for ſinking the Treaſury Notes omitted purſuant to the ſaid

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Acts; that they ſtate an Account of the Monies due to the Public from the late Treaſurer, and alſo an Account of the Arrears due from the ſeveral Collectors of the ſaid Taxes, and report the ſame to this Houſe:

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Blair*, and Mr *Page*.

Mr *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that he had received a Letter directed to him from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay; and he delivered it in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs[1] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Prince George*, in the Room of Mr *Alexander Bolling*, deceaſed; and that Mr *Bland* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs[2] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Cumberland*, in the Room of Mr *John Fleming* deceaſed; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs[3] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Iſle of Wight*, in the Room of Mr *James Bridger*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted the Office of Coroner of the ſaid County; and that Mr *Nicholas* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs[4] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Goochland*, in the Room of Mr *John Bolling*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted the Office of Sheriff of the ſaid County; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Speaker* informed the Houſe that he had, according to their Deſire, tranſmitted their Reſolution of laſt Seſſion, for erecting a Light-houſe on Cape *Henry*, and defraying the Expence of building and maintaining the ſame, to the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the Province of *Maryland*, and had received a Letter from him on that Subject, and he delivered it in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Correſpondence do lay before this Houſe the Letters from the Agent, and their Proceedings ſince the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed:

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *William Diggs*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Burwell*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, and Mr *Blair:*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day; and to examine in the firſt Place all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly and compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law; and to take into their Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion touching Returns, Elections and Privileges and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That Mr *Starke* be appointed Clerk to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

The Houſe being informed that, in Contempt of the Authority of this Houſe *Edward Weſtmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, had diſobeyed their Order of laſt Seſſion for the Confinement and Diet of *James Pride*, then in Cuſtody of the ſaid Gaoler for Breach of Privilege;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Election to examine the

[1] Peter Poythreſs. [2] John Mayo. [3] Richard Baker. [4] John Woodſon.

the Matter of the ſaid Information, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *Price* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe; and that he attend every Morning to read Prayers at 10 o'Clock.

Ordered, That *James Lavie*, *William Hicks*, and *Robert Hyland* be continued Door-Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

Ordered, That *John Creagh* be appointed Door-Keeper to this Houſe, in the room of *John Broadrib*, who hath declined that Service, and that he the ſaid *John Creagh* give his Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Saturday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Saturday, the 2nd of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR *Bland* laid before the Houſe according to Order, the Agent's Letters, and the Proceedings of the Committee of Correſpondence, ſince the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do lay his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire what Laws are near expiring; and that they report the ſame to the Houſe, with their Opinion which of the ſaid Laws are fit to be continued.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, Mr *Baniſter*, Mr *Edmunds*, and Mr *Pendleton*.

Mr *Treaſurer* according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, and report the Balance, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Blair* and Mr *Page*.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer's Accounts be referred to the ſaid Committee.

A *Petition* of *John Henry* was preſented to the Houſe and read ſetting forth, that he had been encouraged by the generous Subſcription of many of the Members of the Legiſlature, as well as private Gentlemen, to make ſo conſiderable a Progreſs in the Survey of this Colony, that he is hopeful it may be compleated by the End of this Month, and that it will give general Satiſfaction. But as the Subſcription Money is almoſt exhauſted, he will be unable to get the Map thereof printed; whereby the Undertaking, inſtead of its being of public Utility, as well as advantageous to the Petitioner, would be rendered of no Uſe to the Community, and greatly detrimental to him, unleſs this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to enable him to get the ſaid Map printed. And foraſmuch as the Petitioner propoſed to meaſure all the moſt public Roads in the Colony, which would not only be very agreeable to Travellers, but beneficial to the Community, by the Reduction of Charges ariſing from Venire Men and Witneſſes attending the Trials of Criminals at the ſupreme Court of this Dominion, the computed Miles all over the Colony being ſhorter than the meaſured ones; but it being ſuggeſted, that ſuch Menſuration, without the Courſes being taken, will not be of ſuch general Uſe, as both would be, ſince thereby the Roads throughout the Colony might be ſtreightened; the Petitioner not being enabled to ſet about a Work of ſuch Expence, had deferred any Menſuration thereof until he ſhould have an Opportunity of laying the Matter before this Honourable Houſe. And as ſome Obſtruction was likely to be given to the general Survey by miſtaken Perſons, who imagine it may be attended with pernicious Conſequences, ſome of the Surveyors having been forbid to run certain Lines: Therefore praying this Houſe will be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Aſſiſtance therein, as to its Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and

and that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, as they ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Richard Lee*, and Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, from the Committee appointed on *Thurſday* laſt to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to the Preſident, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz*t.

SIR:

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, now met in General Aſſembly, return your Honor our unfeigned Thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.

When we reflect on the diſtinguiſhed Merit of our late moſt worthy Governor; his conſtant Exertion of every public and private Virtue, as well in the Duties of his Station, as in the endearing Reciprocations of Friendſhip among us, we cannot ſufficiently lament the Loſs we have ſuſtained by his Death; an Event on which we heartily condole with your Honor.

Our Sorrow on this Occaſion is greatly alleviated by a Confidence, that the Wiſdom and Goodneſs of our moſt excellent and gracious Sovereign, will direct him to the Choice of a Succeſſor equally able, and diſpoſed to promote the great Ends of Government, the Honor and Intereſt of the Crown and People. And on Conſideration that in the mean Time the Adminiſtration of Government is devolved upon your Honor, whoſe Abilities, Goodneſs and Benignity, in this high Station, we have formerly experienced; be pleaſed Sir, to accept our ſincere Congratulations upon this Succeſſion, the juſt Reward of your long and faithful Services.

We will take the ſeveral matters recommended to us under our immediate Conſideration, and proceed therein with that Deliberation and Diſpatch, which their Importance, and the Convenience of a ſhort Seſſion require.

The ſaid *Addreſs* being read a ſecond Time,

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to the Preſident.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented to the Preſident by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who drew up the ſaid Addreſs do wait on the Preſident, to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay, which was ordered to lie on the Table, be read:

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Letter.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter be referred to the ſaid Committee.

A *Petition* of ſundry Freeholders of the Counties of *Cheſterfield*, *Henrico*, *Dinwiddie*, and *Amelia*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Act of Parliament lately paſſed, ſuſpending the legiſlature Power of the Colony of *New York*, had ſuch a fatal Tendency, and ſeemed ſo deſtructive of the Liberty of a free People, that the Petitioners are impreſſed with the deepeſt Senſe of the Danger of loſing their antient Rights and Privileges as Freemen, dependent on and Subjects to the Crown of *Great Britain:* And praying the Houſe will be pleaſed to take the ſaid Grievance under their Conſideration, and implore his Majeſty, in the moſt humble Manner, for a Repeal of the ſaid Act of Parliament; and that ſuch other Meaſures may be purſued as ſhall be agreeable to the Houſe.

Alſo

Alſo a *Petition* of ſundry Freeholders of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner regarding this Honourable Houſe as the only true and conſtitutional Repreſentative of the People of *Virginia*, and therefore the only Aſſembly, where, conſiſtently with Law and Liberty, Taxes can be impoſed on them, did humbly beg Leave to hope, that the Houſe would take into their moſt ſerious Conſideration the Tendency of certain Acts of the *Britiſh* Parliament lately paſſed, for billeting Soldiers in *America*, and for laying certain Duties on Glaſs, Paper, Paint, &c. for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue: That it ſeemed to the Petitioners that the *Britiſh* Act by requiring a Supply for quartering Troops, to be levied on the People without the free Conſent of their Repreſentatives, is an internal Tax deſtructive of their Liberty and Rights, founded as they are on the *Engliſh* Conſtitution, confirmed by Charter, and frequently recognized by the Britiſh Parliament. Nor can the Petitioners fail to be greatly alarmed, when they find this unconſtitutional and dangerous Act attempted to be forced on their Fellow Subjects of *New York*, by another Act ſuſpending the Legiſlature of that Province. That the Connection ſubſiſting between *Great Britain* and her Colonies producing a Political Neceſſity for Supplies of Manufactures, to be taken ſolely from the former by the latter, renders the Act impoſing Duties for the ſingle Purpoſe of Revenue, on Paper, Glaſs, Paint, &c. uſed in *America*, both cruel and unconſtitutional. That the Property of *Britiſh* Subjects in *America* being thus granted away by a Parliament, in which they are not and cannot be repreſented muſt effectually deſtroy their Liberty, and deprive them of the Means of ſhewing Loyalty to their moſt gracious Sovereign, and Affection to their Mother Country, by giving their Money through their own Repreſentatives, when the common Intereſt of *Britain* and *America* ſhall demand it. And that ſhould thoſe Acts appear to this Honourable Houſe in the ſame and deſtructive and dangerous Light that they do to the Petitioners, they will not doubt but that the conſtitutional Guardians of the Liberty of *Virginia* will, by addreſſing his Majeſty, the great Defender of *American* as well as *Britiſh* Rights, or by whatever Means ſhall appear moſt proper and effectual to the Wiſdom of the Houſe, endeavour to obtain the Repeal of thoſe Acts, ſo evidently producing the Deſtruction of *American* Freedom and Happineſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee:

And they are *referred* to the Committee of the whole Houſe for conſidering the Letter to Mr *Speaker*, from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay.

Two *Petitions* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that the ſaid County may be divided.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer pay to *David Chivis*, the Sum of Ninety Pounds, allowed to him in the Book of Claims at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly for his Negroe Man Slave, who was condemned for Felony, although he hath not been executed; it appearing that the ſaid Slave eſcaped out of Gaol, and could never be recovered by his Maſter.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the Preſident's Speech;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the ſaid Speech.

Ordered, That the Letters and Memorial referred to in the Preſident's Speech, and the Letters from the Agent to the Committee of Correſpondence, and their Proceedings, which were ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

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Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had had the Preſident's Speech under Conſideration, and made a Progreſs therein; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will on *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Preſident's Speech.

And then the Houſe adjourned til Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday, the 4th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

A *Petition* of *James Roſcow* was preſented to the Houſe, and read ſetting forth, that he is ſeized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather *James Roſcow*, and the Will of his Father *William Roſcow*, of ſundry Tracts of Lands situate in the County of *Warwick*, which are at preſent very expenſive and burthenſome to the Petitioner for want of Slaves to work the ſame; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs to dock the Intail of one Tract of the ſaid Lands, containing Fifteen Hundred Acres, known by the Name of *Doyley's* in order that the ſame may be ſold, and the Money ariſing from ſuch Sale be laid out in Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes as the ſaid Tract of Land is limited by the Will of the ſaid *James Roſcow* the Grandfather.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *William Digges*, and Mr *Pendleton*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs[1] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *King William*, in the Room of Mr *Harry Gaines*, deceaſed; and that Mr *Pendleton* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs[2] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Fauquier* in the Room of Mr *Thomas Marſhall*, who ſince his Election, hath accepted the Office of Sheriff of the ſaid County; and that Mr *Pendleton* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A *Petition* of *John Wormeley* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that under the Will of *Elizabeth Wormeley*, Widow, late of the County of *Middleſex*, he is ſeized in Fee-Tail of Six Hundred and Thirty Acres of Land, ſituate in the Pariſh of *York-Hampton* and County of *York;* and that it will be beneficial to the Petitioner, and thoſe claiming under him to have the intail of the ſaid Land docked, and other Lands, and Slaves of Greater Value, ſettled in Lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes as the ſaid Lands in *York* are limited by the Will of the ſaid *Elizabeth Wormeley:* And therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr *Nelſon*, and Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the State of the Clerk's Office of this Houſe; and that they report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to this Houſe:

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, and Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee.*

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs[3] to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Prince Edward*, in the Room of Mr *Peter Le Grand*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted the Office of Coroner of the ſaid County; And that Mr *Archibald Cary* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

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[1] Thomas Claiborne [2] James Scott [3] Thomas Scott

A *Petition* of *William Cabell*, junior, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly made in the firſt Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty intituled *An Act*[1] *for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, as eſtabliſhed a Ferry from the Petitioners Land on the North Side of the *Fluvanna* River, to the Land of *William Cabell*, on the South Side, may be repealed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Repreſentation* of the Freeholders of *Prince William* County, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read ſetting forth, that it is with the greateſt Concern they find the ſame unconſtitutional Meaſures now purſued by the *Britiſh* Parliament, as gave riſe to the late abhorred and deteſtable Stamp Act, which would have ſhackled the *North Americans* with Slavery, had they ſumitted to the Execution thereof: That Notwithſtanding it is the undoubted Right of every Subject of *Britain* to be taxed only by Conſent of Repreſentatives choſen by themſelves, which hath been ratified and confirmed to them during the Reigns of nine Succeſſive Princes; yet, contrary to the *Magna Charta*, and the Charters granted to the ſeveral Colonies in *America*, the Parliament hath again aſſumed to themſelves the Right of laying Taxes and Impoſitions on the People of *America* by the ſeveral Acts for impoſing certain Duties on *Britiſh* Commodities, for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue here the Billeting Act and the Act for depriving the *New York* Aſſembly of a Legiſlative Power, until they had complied with the Impoſitions of the Billeting Act; ſo that they have not only taken from the ſaid Subſcribers their Money without their Conſents, but deprive them of their Liberty and conſtitutional Rights as Freemen, which Freedom and Privilege they have hitherto equally enjoyed with their Fellow-Subjects in *Britain:* And therefore intreating the Houſe to aſſert their Rights with decent Freedom; and to ſupplicate their moſt Gracious Sovereign to have their Grievances redreſſed by the Repeal of the ſaid ſeveral oppreſſive Acts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee.

And it is *referred* to the Committee of the whole Houſe for taking into Conſideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That for the future no Fee or Compenſation at all be paid to the Treaſurer, for the uſe of the Public, or to any other Perſon, for any private Bills which ſhall paſs this Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Juſtices, Clerk, and Attornies of the Court of *Goochland* County, and ſundry other Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto Subſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that an Act may paſs to alter the Court Day of the ſaid County. to the third *Monday* in every Month.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Payne*, and Mr *Bland*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Pendleton* reported to the Houſe, that the Preſident having been waited on, purſuant to the Order of *Saturday* laſt, to know his Pleaſure when he would be attended by this Houſe, had been pleaſed to appoint *Thurſday* next, in the Council Chamber.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Preſident's Speech.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and are as followeth, viz[t].

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that any Incroachments made on the Lands of the *Indians* in Amity with his Majeſty, or any Breach of the Treaties ſubſiſting

[1] Hening, VII, p. 401.

ſubſiſting between them, are high Crimes and Miſdemeanors, and ought to be ſeverely puniſhed, as they have an immediate Tendency to deſtroy that Confidence in the good Faith of the Colonies, which ought always to be preſerved, and to bring on a War, in which a great Deal of Blood muſt be ſpilt.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that if any of the Inhabitants of this Colony have ſettled on *Cheat* River and *Redſtone* Creek, it was without the Knowledge or Approbation of this Aſſembly, ſince his Majeſty's Proclamation, to whom, at our laſt Seſſion, we ſent an Addreſs on this Subject; and we make no Doubt he will ſoon have all Matters adjuſted with the *Indians*, ſo as to leave no Cauſe of Complaint.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an Addreſs be preſented to the Preſident, to deſire in the mean Time that he would be pleaſed to make our Reſolutions known to thoſe Nations, who are alarmed at the Behavior of our People on the Frontiers, and to warn the Inhabitants of this Colony not to do any Thing inconſiſtent with the public Faith, as a contrary Behavior muſt neceſſarily draw on them great Calamities, which they will juſtly deſerve, who, regarding their own private Advantages only, ſo incatiouſly riſque the public Tranquility: And alſo that he would be pleaſed to write to Sir *William Johnſon*, requeſting him to uſe his beſt Endeavours to procure from the *Indians* a Releaſe of the Priſoners ſtill remaining in Captivity which have been detained contrary to the Treaties ſubſiſting between his Majeſty and the *Indians*.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Treaſurer*, do wait on the Preſident with the ſaid Reſolutions.

Mr *Bland* alſo acquainted the Houſe that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Preſident's Speech.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 11 *o'Clock*.

Tuesday, the 5th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

THE Houſe was moved that Part of one Act of Parliament made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[1] *for reſtraining and prohibiting the Governor, Council, and Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of* New York, *until Proviſion ſhall have been made for furniſhing the Kings Troops with all the Neceſſaries required by Law, from paſſing or aſſenting to any Act of Aſſembly, Vote, or Reſolution, for any other Purpoſe;* Part of one other Act of Parliament made in the ſaid Seventh Year of the Reign of his ſaid Majeſty, intituled *An Act*[2] *for granting certain Duties in the* Britiſh *Colonies and Plantations in* America; *for allowing a Drawback of the Duties of Cuſtoms upon the Exportation from this Kingdom to Coffee and Cocoa Nuts of the Produce of the ſaid Colonies or Plantations; for diſcontinuing the Drawbacks payable on China Earthen Ware exported to* America; *and for more effectually preventing the Clandeſtine Running of Goods in the ſaid Colonies and Plantations;* and alſo Part of one other Act of Parliament made in the ſaid ſeventh Year of the Reign of his ſaid Majeſty intituled *An Act*[3] *to enable his Majeſty to put the Cuſtoms, and other Duties in the* Britiſh *Dominions in* America, *and the Execution of the Laws relating to Trade there, under the Management of Commiſſioners, to be appointed for that Purpoſe, and to be reſident in the ſaid Dominions;*" might be read:

And the ſame being read accordingly:

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Acts of Parliament be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee for taking into Conſideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker*, from the Speaker of the House of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *John Henry* was referred, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration and had come to a Reſolution

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[1] Great Britain Statutes at Large, VI, p. 782. [2] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 768. [3] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 754.

lution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz*ᵗ.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Words "*referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly*" and inſerting the Word "*Rejected*," inſtead thereof:

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Words, referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly ſtand part of the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Word *rejected*, be inſerted inſtead thereof:

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution ſo amended, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred to inquire what Laws are near expiring, that they had, according to Order, had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz*ᵗ.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly made in the Fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled "*An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*," which was continued and amended by another Act made in the Seventh Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the firſt Day of *October* 1769, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly made in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty *King George* the Second, intituled "*An Act*[2] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," which hath been continued by ſeveral Acts, and amended by three other Acts made in the firſt, third and ſeventh Years of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, and which will expire on the twelfth Day of *April*, 1769, ought to be further continued.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections that they had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration the Information, to them referred, againſt *Edward Weſtmore*, Keeper of the public Gaol, for a Contempt of the Authority of this Houſe, in diſobeying the Order of the laſt Seſſion for the Confinement and Diet of *James Pride;* and having heard the ſaid *Edward Weſtmore* in his own Defence, and examined ſeveral Witneſſes on the Matter of the ſaid Information, had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz*ᵗ.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Edward Weſtmore* hath ſtrictly conformed to the ſaid Order.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that he had received a Letter directed to him from *William Rind*, Printer, relative to the Order of laſt Seſſion for printing the old Journals; and he delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Clerk's Office of this Houſe, to inquire into the Condition of all the Journals of this

1 Hening, VIII. p. 69. 2 *Ibid.*, VIII p. 38.

this Houſe, and to report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to this Houſe: *And alſo* to treat with *William Rind*, Printer, and receive his Propoſals for printing the old Journals of this Houſe to the Year 1752, and report the ſame to this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Gray*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Tabb*, Mr *Baniſter*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, be added to the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill to repeal ſo much of an Act, intituled "*An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*," *as relates to a Ferry acroſs the* Fluvanna *River, from and to the Lands of* William Cabell, *Gentleman;* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *James Cocke* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that the Treaſurer's Office was formerly kept at a private Houſe, and the Petitioner, not judging that to be a Place ſecure enough for a Purpoſe of ſuch Importance, did, at a conſiderable Expence, build a Houſe on his own Lot, where the Treaſury was held for four Years; during which Time the Petitioner might have rented the ſame, but choſe rather to keep it for the Uſe aforeſaid; and humbly praying the Conſideration of this Honorable Houſe, and that they would be pleaſed to make him ſuch Allowance as, for the above recited Service, he may appear to have deſerved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear them, to the Houſe:

And it is *referred* to Mr *Bland* and Mr *Archibald Cary*.

The *Order* of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their Conſideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker*, from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay, and had made ſome Progreſs therein; and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Letter.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday, the 6th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR *Bland* reported from the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Clerk's Office of this Houſe, that they had, according to Order, examined the State of the ſaid Office, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth *viz*[1].

Your *Committee* have, according to Order, examined the State of the Clerk's Office of this Houſe, and find, that the Books and Papers are properly digeſted, and carefully preſerved in Preſſes.

It appears to your *Committee*, that the preſent Clerk hath been at conſiderable Trouble, in ſeparating and putting into Order ſundry old Papers which appear to have remained in a State of Confuſion ever ſince the Year 1698, and having prepared an Index referring to the ſeveral Books and Papers in the Office, any neceſſary Matter therein may be readily found, which may be of conſiderable Advantage in the Diſpatch of Buſineſs.

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[1] Hening, VIII. p. 300.

Your *Committee* then proceeded to examine the Journals, and find the State of them as follows:

Journals of the Grand Aſſembly, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656 and 1657, and Proceedings of the Grand Aſſembly againſt Criminals, and Letters to the Protector, and Articles of the ſurrendering of *Virginia;* theſe appear imperfect in looſe Sheets.

Journals of the Houſe of Burgeſſes from 1659 to 1682, from 1684 to 1692, from 1692 to 1702, theſe are contained in 4 Folio Books, the Bindings of which are ſomewhat impaired.

Journals 1706, ſtiched only.

From 1710 to 1712 in a bound Book.

1720, 1723, 1727, 1730, 1732, are in ſtiched Books.

From 1734, to 1742, in a bound Book.

From 1744 to 1749, in four thin half bound Books.

Mr *Rind*, the Printer, being called before your Committee, declared that he was willing to undertake the Printing of the ſaid Journals, according to the former Order of the Houſe, for the Sum of £400, to be paid him by the Public, and the Chance of private Subſcriptions, with this Reſervation, that if ſuch Subſcriptions ſhould fail, with the ſaid £400, to reimburſe him his Expences in the Undertaking, he will rely on the Honor of the Aſſembly to make him a further Gratuity not exceeding £200.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

The Houſe was moved that a Letter from the Agent to the Committee of Correſpondence, dated January 23d, 1768, and laid before the Houſe this Day, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, for taking into Conſideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker*, from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay.

Mr *Nelſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *John Wormeley* is ſeized, and to ſettle other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, Printer, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That his Salary, as Printer to the Public, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and therefore humbly praying that the ſame may be further continued.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Three hundred and Seventy five Pounds per Annum be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing the Journals of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending as many Copies to the County Court Clerks as there are acting Juſtices in the Commiſſion, in each reſpective County, and one other (which is to be half-bound) for the Uſe of the Court, and ten to the Clerks of the Courts of Huſtings in the City of *Williamſburg*, and the Borough of *Norfolk;* and printing Inſpectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and public Advertiſements.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *John Thomas* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that upon the Expedition in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, it being made known that it was deſired a Number of Voluntiers ſhould join the King's Troops, commanded by Colonel *Bouquet*, on that Expedition; the Petitioner did actually enliſt fourteen able Men, upon the Aſſurance that he ſhould have the Rank of an Enſign, and be equally intitled to any Advantage or Emolument which might ariſe to Officers of the ſame Rank who ſhould enter into that Service; and further ſhewing that the Petitioner had been informed his Name was left out of the Liſt of Officers, who obtained an Allowance from the Houſe, by Miſtake; and therefore praying that this Houſe would take the ſame into their Conſideration, and make him ſuch allowance as they may think equitable *and alſo*

A *Petition* of *George Slaughter* was preſented to the Houſe and read ſetting forth, that in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, he entered himſelf a Voluntier to ſerve in the Expedition againſt the *Indian* Towns, under the Command of Col: *Bouquet*; that upon its being ſignified to be the Deſire of the General Aſſembly, that a Number of the Voluntiers ſhould ſerve on Horſeback, the Petitioner furniſhed himſelf with a ſuitable Horſe for that Service; that upon a Peace being concluded with the different Tribes of *Indians*, and a large Number of diſtreſſed Priſioners being delivered up, the Petitioner's Horſe was employed on their Return in carrying ſome of thoſe reſtored Captives, by which Means the ſaid Horſe was loſt; and that the Petitioner therefore humbly hoped this Honorable Houſe would take the ſame into Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Allowance as they may think reaſonable, as he was actuated by Principles of public Spirit to enter into that Service, and without Expectation of receiving any Reward for his Services.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Payne* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill for altering the Court Day of the County of *Goochland;* and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, for taking into Conſideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay.

Ordered, That the Act of Parliament made in the fourth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled "*An Act*[1] *for granting certain Duties in the* Britiſh *Colonies and Plantations in* America; *for continuing, amending, and making perpetual, An Act paſſed in the ſixth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King* George *the Second (intituled, An Act for the better ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of his Majeſty's Sugar Colonies in* America) *for applying the Produce of ſuch Duties, and of the Duties to ariſe by Virtue of the ſaid Act, towards defraying the Expences of defending, protecting, and ſecuring the ſaid Colonies and Plantations; for explaining an Act made in the twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King* Charles *the Second, (intituled An Act for the Encouragement of the* Greenland *and Eaſtland Trades, and for the better ſecuring the Plantation Trade;) and for altering and diſallowing ſeveral Drawbacks on Exports from this Kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandeſtine Conveyance of Goods to and from the ſaid Colonies and Plantations and improving and ſecuring the Trade between the ſame and* Great Britain;" be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters referred to them; and had directed him to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay.

Mr *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill for further continuing the Act intituled "*An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms:*" And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, A Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled "*An Act*[3] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*"

And

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[1] Great Britain Statutes at Large, Vol. VI, pp. 542–550. [2] Hening, VIII, p. 69. [3] *Ibid.*, V, p. 38.

And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe was moved, That part of an Act made in the twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled "*An Act*[1] *declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*," might be read;

And the ſame being read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the ſaid Act.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* to repeal ſo much of an Act, intituled "*An Act*[2] *for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*" *as relates to a Ferry acroſs the* Fluvanna *River, from and to the Lands of* William Cabell, *Gentleman*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A *Bill* for altering the Court Day of the County of *Goochland*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A *Bill* To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *John Wormeley* is ſeized, and to ſettle other Lands, and Slaves in Lieu thereof was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Members for *York*, *James City*, *Warwick*, *New Kent* and *Orange*.

A *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled "*An Act*[3] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*," was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled "*An Act*[4] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *William Cabell*.

A *Petition* of the Veſtry of *Meherrin* Pariſh, in the County of *Brunſwick*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth that the Church and Chapels in the ſaid Pariſh are ſituate at a great Diſtance from the Land ſet apart for a Glebe; that the Manſion Houſe thereon having been ſome Years ago deſtroyed by Fire, the Miniſter hath been obliged to remove from the Glebe; and ſince that Accident it hath been found neceſſary to erect one of the Chapels at a greater Diſtance; and that if the Glebe Land was ſold, the Petitioners would be enabled not only to purchaſe other Lands but at leſs Expence than they muſt otherwiſe be burthened with, build a Manſion and other Houſes for the Benefit of the Miniſter of the ſaid Pariſh; and therefore praying that the Petitioners may by an Act of Aſſembly be empowered to ſell the preſent Glebe, and purchaſe other Lands in Lieu thereof.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Thornton* and Mr *Maclin* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*.

Thurſday, the 7th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR *Bland* reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Funds ariſing from the ſeveral Duties and Taxes impoſed and appropriated to the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, as alſo to ſtate an Account of the Money due from the late Treaſurer's Eſtate, and the arrears due from the ſeveral Collectors of the Taxes, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read and is as followeth, *viz:*

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[1] Hening, V. p. 526. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 300. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 69. [4] *Ibid.*, V. p. 38.

Your *Committee* find that the ſeveral Grants made by the General Aſſembly of this Colony for the Support of the late War, and other neceſſary Purpoſes of Government, from the Year 1754 to 1762, incluſive amount to £539, 962. 10.

That of the Treaſury Notes emitted, purſuant to the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, there had been burnt, prior to the Meeting of this Seſſion, the Sum of £ 369, 542. 13. 11, ſo that there then remained in Circulation the Sum of £ 170, 419. 16. 1.

It appears to your *Committee*, that the Debt due from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer, for the ſeveral Taxes received by him, including Intereſt to the tenth of next Month, amounts to £ 109, 335. 9. 2. It likewiſe appears to them, that the Arrears due from the ſeveral Collectors are as follows; that is, from different Sheriffs, for the Land and Poll Tax, and the Tax on wheel Carriages, the Sum of £55, 749. 11. 11, from the Inſpectors for the Duty of 2/- per Hogſhead on Tobacco, the Sum of £2, 911. 14, and from the County Court Clerks for the Tax on Writs and Ordinary Licences, the Sum of £ 1,490.4.4. Your Committee have this Day burnt ſundry old Treaſury Notes, to the amount of £ 683. 14, and have ſtated an Account of theſe ſeveral Matters, by which it will appear, that, if the different Sums above mentioned were paid into the Treaſury, there would remain due from the Public, excluſive of the Treaſurer's Commiſſions the Sum of £ 294. 2. 8, and no more.

Your *Committee* beg Leave to obſerve, that in the foregoing Eſtimate they have not valued the Country upon the additional Duty of Slaves, which was likewiſe appropriated to the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, as that Article was very inconſiderable the laſt, and probably will be leſs in future Years; neither have they taken into the Account ſuch Treaſury Notes, as may have been loſt and deſtroyed, which they believe will be found to be very conſiderable.

Your *Committee*, upon examining the different Balances due from ſeveral of the Collectors, are apprehenſive that ſome of them will be loſt, but to what Amount they cannot determine, though they are humbly of Opinion, that, if the Duty on Tobacco, the Taxes on Carriages, Writs, and Ordinary Licenſes, are continued for two Years longer, they will be abundantly ſufficient to make good every Deficiency.

It *appears* to your Committee, that, of the Balance formally reported due to the public Account from the late Treaſurer, his Adminiſtrators have paid the Sum of £4, 987. 4. 4, and that there ſtill remains due to that Fund including Intereſt to this Time, the Balance of £ 287. 13. 8.

Your *Committee*, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, have alſo examined the Treaſurer's Accounts to the firſt Inſtant, and having compared them with his Vouchers, find that they are properly and juſtly ſtated; that there was then in his Hands the Balance of £671. 8. 7, received for Taxes, of which we have burnt the before mentioned Sum of £638. 14; and there is due to the public Account the Balance of £147. 7. 4; which ſeveral Balances the Treaſurer produced to us, and they ſtill remain to be accounted at a future Day.

D[r] The Colony of Virginia, for Redemption of Treaſury Notes C[r]

	By ſundry Notes burnt before the firſt of April 1767, as by the Committee's Report	£326, 191. 18. 2
To the ſeveral Grants from 1754, to 1762, incluſive £539,962.10	By d° that day.....	2, 225. 3
	By d° ſince	41, 125. 12. 9
	By Balance now in Circulation.....	170, 419. 16. 1
		539, 962. 10
	By the Late Treaſurer's Debt including Intereſt to May next ..	£109, 335. 9. 2

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		By Arrears due from the ſeveral Collectors for Land and Poll Tax, and Tax on Wheel Carriages.....	55, 749. 11. 11
		By d° due from the Inſpectors.....	2, 911. 14
		By d° from County Court Clerks.....	1, 490. 4. 4
		April 6, 1768. By Notes burnt by the Committee..	638. 14
To Balance.....	£170, 419. 16. 1	Balance.....	294. 2. 8
To Balance.....	£ 294. 2. 8		
			£ 170, 419. 16. 1

The ſaid *Report* being read a ſecond Time, was upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer's Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report and the Account thereunto annexed, be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe for taking into Conſideration the Preſident's Speech.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report and the Account thereunto annexed be publiſhed in the Virginia Gazettes.

Mr *Thornton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Meherrin*, in the County of *Brunſwick* to ſell their Glebe, and purchaſe a more convenient one: and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Meſſage* from the Preſident by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

"I am commanded by the Preſident to acquaint this Houſe that his Honor is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council Chamber."

Accordingly Mr *Speaker* with the Houſe, went up to attend the Preſident.

And being returned;

Mr *Speaker* reported that the Houſe had attended the Preſident in the Council Chamber, with their Addreſs; to which he was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer; *viz*t.

Mr *Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I Thank you heartily for your kind Congratulations on my Re-acceſſion to the Adminiſtration of the Government, on our great loſs, not ſufficiently to be lamented.

Your dutiful and zealous Behavior, on all former Occaſions for the Honor and true Intereſt of his Majeſty, and his People of this Colony (which never can without dire effects, be ſeparated) aſſures me that the ſame undivided Intereſt will now on this Occaſion, be the Poll Star to direct in your Deliberations on the weighty Affairs you have now before you.

An ingroſſed *Bill* intituled, *An Act*[1] *to repeal ſo much of an Act intituled "An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries," as relates to a Ferry acroſs the* Fluvanna *River, from and to the lands of* William Cabell, *Gentleman;* was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* intituled, *An Act*[2] *for altering the Court Day of the County of* Goochland, was read a third Time.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII. p. 300. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 300.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Payne* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, for taking into Conſideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee,

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had under their further Conſideration the ſaid Letter and the ſeveral other Matters referred to them, and gone through the ſame, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz*t.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an humble and dutiful Petition be preſented to our moſt gracious Sovereign, to aſſure him of our moſt cordial and inviolable Attachment to his Sacred Perſon and Government.

To *Acknowledge*, with the higheſt Senſe of Gratitude, the many great and ſignal Benefits we have reaped from our parent Kingdom under the glorious and auſpicious Reigns of his Majeſty and his Predeceſſors; and with all Humility, to ſubmit to his princely Conſideration the tenor of our whole Conduct, and that of our Anceſtors, as the moſt lively Evidence of our Duty and Affection.

To *reiterate* our unfeigned Thanks to his Majeſty for his gracious and ready Aſſent to the Repeal of the late oppreſſive Stamp Act, but, at the ſame Time, in the moſt decent and reſpectful Manner, to repreſent to him how very ſhort an Interval of Peace and Happineſs we have enjoyed between that happy Event and the enacting ſeveral late Acts of the *Britiſh* Parliament equally burthenſome to his Majeſty's Colonies in general, and, as we moſt humbly conceive, equally derogatory to their juſt Rights and Privileges.

To *implore* his fatherly Protection of this and all our ſiſter Colonies, whoſe true and eſſential Intereſts will ever incline them not only to wiſh, but to promote the Proſperity of *Great Britain*, to the utmoſt of their Abilities.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Memorial be prepared, to be laid before the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the *Britiſh* Parliament, to acknowlege the Juſtice of Parliament in the Repeal of the late oppreſſive Stamp Act, formally complained of, as derogatory to the Rights of the People in this and the other Colonies and Provinces in *America*.

To *expreſs* our due Senſe of the Happineſs and Security we derive from our Connection with and Dependence upon *Great Britain:* The Pleaſure we enjoy in a Perſuaſion that our Endeavors in making ſuch ſuitable Returns for their Protection, as might render the Connection deſirable to both, have not been unſucceſsful: And our deep Concern that any Incident ſhould interrupt that Harmony we wiſh ever to ſubſiſt.

To *aſſert* with deſcent Firmneſs, becoming Freemen, but at the ſame Time with great Deference to the Wiſdom of Parliament, the Rights of the Coloniſts to be bound by ſuch Laws only, reſpecting their internal Polity or Taxation, as are conſented to by Repreſentatives choſen by themſelves; And to repreſent that we cannot but conſider ſeveral late Acts of the *Britiſh* Legiſlature, impoſing Duties and Taxes to be collected in the Colonies, as an Infringement of thoſe Rights.

And to *intreat* their Lordſhips, the hereditary Guardians of *Britiſh* Liberty, to interpoſe their Power in procuring a Repeal of thoſe Acts, and in preſerving to us, his Majeſty's diſtant Subjects, the full Enjoyment of all our natural and conſtitutional Rights.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Remonſtrance on the ſame Subject, and to the like effect, be prepared, to be laid before the Honorable Houſe of Commons.

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The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe, *nemine contradicente*.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Woodbridge*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, and Mr *Alexander*, do draw up an humble and dutiful Petition to his Majeſty, a Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the *Britiſh* Parliament, and a Remonſtrance to be laid before the Honorable Houſe of Commons, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Preſident's Speech.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Preſident's Speech and the other Papers referred to them, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth *viz*t.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly impoſing the Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony, as requires the Taxes to be collected in the preſent and ſucceeding Year, be repealed.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe, *nemine contradicente*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Treaſurer* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An ingroſſed *Bill*, intituled *An Act*[1] *for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read a third Time.

The *Amendment* following was propoſed to be made to the Bill, *viz*t. In the laſt Line to ſtrike out the Words "*from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly*" and inſert the Words "*no longer*," inſtead thereof.

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock*.

Friday, the 8th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR *Nelſon*, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *John Wormeley* is ſeized, and to ſettle other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof, is committed, acquainted the Houſe that the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe, that they might be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Bill, the ſaid *John Wormeley* not being at this Time prepared to prove the Allegations of the ſaid Bill to be true.

And Mr *Nelſon* moved the Houſe accordingly.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed, be diſcharged from proceeding thereupon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be withdrawn.

And the ſaid *Bill* was withdrawn accordingly.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *James Cocke* was referred, that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution

[1] Hening, VIII. p. 298.

lution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth *viz*ᵗ.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the ſaid *James Cocke* ought to be allowed by the Public, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, for the Uſe of the Houſe in the ſaid Petition mentioned.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe according to Order A Bill to repeal ſo much of the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned, as impoſe a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony, for the Years One Thouſand Seven Hundred and ſixty-eight, and One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine, and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Halbert M*ᶜ*Clure* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That in *October*, in the Year 1759, the Petitioner being under the Command of Captain *James M*ᶜ*Dowell*, in Purſuit of the *Indians* who murthered the Inhabitants of *Carr's* Creek; and after a long and fatiguing March, coming up with them in the Night, and an Accident happening which obliged the Party to fire upon the Enemy, and the Darkneſs of the Night occaſioning great Confuſion among them; the Rear taking the Front for the *Indians*, fired upon them, and unluckily ſhot the Petitioner through the Ancle; and it being 150 Miles from the Inhabitants, he ſuffered very much before a Surgeon could be had; and the Surgeon he was attended by being unſkilful was of no Service to the Petitioner; but Mr *Cabell*, to whom he afterwards applied, cured the wound, for which the Houſe of Burgeſſes made him Satiſfaction: And further ſetting forth, That the firſt Surgeon hath obtained a Judgment againſt the Petitioner, and Execution was there upon iſſued for a conſiderable Sum, by which he and his Family, conſiſting of a Wife and ſix ſmall Children, will be ruined without the Aſſiſtance of the Legiſlature, as the Petitioner is ſo diſabled that he is incapable of following his uſual Labour, without Hazard of loſing his Limb: And therefore humbly praying the Houſe to allow him ſome annual Support, as he has been brought under theſe unhappy Circumſtances in the Service and for the Defence of his Country.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is *referred* to Mr *Wilſon*, Mr *Bowler Cocke*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Tabb*, and Mr *Thomas Walker*.

A *Petition* of *Edward Weſtmore* Keeper of the public Gaol was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth that the Garden of the public Gaol, whereof he is keeper, is in a ruinous Condition and praying that the ſame may be repaired to the End that he may be able to make a more comfortable Proviſion for the poor Priſoners.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is *referred* to Mr *Blair*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Randolph*, and Mr *Eyre*.

And then the Houſe adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Saturday, the 9th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

ORDERED, That this Houſe be called over upon *Monday* next.

A *Bill* to repeal ſo much of the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned as impoſe a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years One Thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight, and One Thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty nine, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be Committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately Reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, A Bill to amend an Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for further continuing the Act intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly: And that Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Bowler Cocke*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* to amend an Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *John Lee*, and Mr *Edmunds*.

And then the Houſe adjourned til Monday Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Monday, the 11th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

A *Member* returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and Subſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands called *Doyley's* whereof *James Roſcow* is ſeized and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof, to change the ſame into a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands called *Derby's* whereof the ſaid *James Roſcow* is ſeized; it appearing the Word "*Doyley's*" was through miſtake inſerted in his Petition inſtead of "*Derby's.*"

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Treaſurer's Accounts. *And alſo*

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[1] Hening, VIII. p. 38.

The Council have agreed to the Bill *intituled* An Act[1] for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, "*Alſo*

To the Bill *intituled* An Act[2] to repeal ſo much of an Act intituled An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries as relates to a Ferry acroſs the *Fluvanna* River from and to the Lands of *William Cabell*, Gentleman, *Alſo*

To the Bill *intituled* An Act[3] for altering the Court Day of the County of *Goochland*. *And alſo*

To the Reſolve *for paying the Printer his ſalary.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee appointed on *Thurſday* laſt to draw up a Petition to his Majeſty, a Memorial to the Houſe of Lords, and a Remonſtrance to the Houſe of Commons, that the Committee had drawn up a Petition, a Memorial and a Remonſtrance accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read.

Reſolved, That the Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance be committed.

Reſolved, That the Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had made ſome Progreſs in the ſeveral Matters referred to them; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the ſaid Petition Memorial and Remonſtrance.

An ingroſſed *Bill* intituled "*An Act*[4] *to repeal ſo much of the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned as impoſed a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years One Thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-eight and One Thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-nine;* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *William Digges* preſented to the Houſe according to Order A Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Roſcow* is ſeized and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof; And the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe was moved that the Memorial of the Adminiſtrators with the Will annexed, of the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr which was laid before the Houſe laſt Seſſion might be read;

And the ſame being read accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Memorial.

An ingroſſed *Bill* intituled "*An Act*[5] *for further continuing and amending the Act intituled*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 298.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 300.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 300.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 295.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 299.

intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Roſcow* is ſeized and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Members for *Warwick*, *York*, and *James City* and to Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned til To-morrow.

Mr *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly; And the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Tuesday, the 12th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR *William Digges* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Roſcow* is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment, And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Foreman* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that an Act may paſs to eſtabliſh a Ferry over the River *Potowmack* from the Petitioner's Land, in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of Lord *Baltimore* in the Province of *Maryland*. *Alſo*

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Grub* of the Town of *Winchester* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that in the Spring of the Year One Thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty-five, the Petitioner's Houſe in the ſaid Town was by Order of Colo *Stephen*, Commanding Officer of the *Virginia* Troops then ſtationed there, taken and converted into an Hoſpital for the uſe of the Soldiers, who kept Poſſeſſion thereof, for that Purpoſe, about eight Months, and during that Time deſtroyed the Paling of the Lot on which the Houſe ſtood intirely, and the Plaiſtering of the Houſe, ripped off the Weather boards of the dwelling Houſe and Stable, and did the Petitioner other conſiderable Damage, valued by Workmen to above Forty Pounds, for which Sir *John St. Clair*, to whom the Petitioner delivered the Eſtimate, promiſed to procure an allowance. But the Petitioner had never heard any thing more of it, nor received any Satiſfaction for the Uſe of his Houſe, or the Injury done him by the Soldiers: And praying the Houſe to take the Matter under Conſideration, and make the Petitioner ſuitable Amends.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A *Bill* for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly was read the ſecond Time.

The *Amendment* following was propoſed to be made to the Title of the Bill; *viz*t.

After the Word "*for*" to inſert "*the Eaſe of the People by*," And the ſaid Amendment was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe; and the Title of the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Ordered

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That all ſuch Claims and other Matters as were referred from the laſt to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and *alſo* all ſuch as are certified to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The *Order* of the Day for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Petition to his Majeſty the Memorial to the Houſe of Lords, and the Remonſtrance to the Houſe of Commons being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Petition Memorial and Remonſtrance.

The *Order* of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of the Memorial of the Adminiſtrators, with the Will annexed, of *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r being read;

The Houſe was moved that a Copy of the Judgment of our Lord the King againſt the Honorable *Peter Randolph*, Eſq^r, *Edmund Pendleton* and *Peter Lyons*, Adminiſtrators &c. of *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r; deceaſed, given by the General Court the ſixth Day of *May* One Thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, which was preſented to the Houſe this Day might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copy of the Judgment aforeſaid be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

M^r *Speaker* left the Chair.

M^r *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

M^r *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

M^r *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Reſolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth *viz^t*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that there is not a ſufficient Security for ſinking the Paper Bills of Credit now in Circulation, at the Time fixt by Law for their Redemption.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that for better ſecuring the Redemption of the Paper Money the moſt effectual Methods ought to be taken againſt the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r; the late Treaſurer, for inforcing the Payment of all the Money due from the ſaid *John Robinſon* to this Colony, together with Intereſt for the ſame from the tenth Day of *May* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that Commiſſioners be appointed and empowered to ſell ſo much of the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r, as ſhall be ſufficient to Diſcharge the Debt due from him to this Colony together with Intereſt for the ſame from the ſaid tenth Day of *May* next.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

The *ſecond* and *third* Reſolutions of the Committee being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, as agreed to by the Houſe; and that M^r *Bland*, M^r *Thompſon Maſon*, M^r *Mercer*, M^r *Treaſurer*, M^r *Benjamin Harriſon*, M^r *Archibald Cary*, M^r *Pendleton*, and M^r *Blair*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The other *Order* of the Day being read.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Wednesday

Wednesday, the 13th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill *intituled* An Act[1] to repeal ſo much of the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned as impoſe a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years One Thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-eight and One Thouſand ſeven hundred and Sixty-nine.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Burwell*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, and Mr *Randolph*.

Mr *Pendleton* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill "*to amend an Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors*" was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: where the Amendment was once read, and then being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

The *Order* of the Day for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Petition to his Majeſty, the Memorial to the Houſe of Lords, and the Remonſtrance to the Houſe of Commons, being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the ſeveral Matters referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the ſaid Petition, Memorial, and Remonſtrance.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned til To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Thursday, the 14th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

AN ingroſſed *Bill*, intituled *An Act*[2] *to amend an Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors*; was read the third Time.

And the *Queſtion* being put that the Bill do paſs,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

An ingroſſed *Bill*, intituled *An Act*[3] *for the Eaſe of the People by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly;* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 295. [2] Not recorded as a law. [3] Hening, VIII, p. 303.

An ingroſſed *Bill* intituled *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* James Roſcow *is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *William Digges* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Petition to his Majeſty, the Memorial to the Houſe of Lords, and the Remonſtrance to the Houſe of Commons being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Petition, Memorial, and Remonſtrance, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; And he read the Report in his Place; and delivered the Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a ſecond Time one by one; and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe; Which Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance ſo amended are in the Words following, *viz*[t].

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

Your Majeſty's moſt loyal and dutiful Subjects the Council and the Burgeſſes of Virginia *now met in General Aſſembly, not diſcouraged by a too well grounded apprehenſion that their Conduct has been unfavorably repreſented to your Royal ear, but relying with the moſt implicit confidence on your Majeſty's known Juſtice and moſt gracious Diſpoſition toward all your loving Subjects, how far ſoever removed, humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal preſence with the warmeſt aſſurances of their moſt cordial and inviolable attachment to your ſacred Perſon and Government.*

They do, with the higheſt ſenſe of Gratitude, acknowledge the many great and ſignal Beneſits they have reaped from their parent Kingdom, under the glorious and auſpicious Reigns of your Majeſty and your royal Anceſtors, and with all Humility, ſubmit to your princely Conſideration the Tenor of their whole Conduct and that of their Forefathers, as the moſt lively Evidence of their Duty and Affection.

They humbly embrace this occaſion to reiterate their unfeigned thanks to your Majeſty for your gracious and ready aſſent to the Repeal of the late oppreſſive Stamp Act, but, at the ſame time, they cannot ſufficiently lament the ſhortneſs of that interval of happineſs they have enjoyed between ſo agreeable and pleaſing an Event, and the Enacting ſeveral late acts of the Britiſh *Parliament, equally burthenſome to your Majeſty's Colonies in general, and, as they moſt humbly conceive, equally derogatory to thoſe Conſtitutional Privileges and immunities, which they, the Heirs and Deſcendants of free born* Britons, *have ever eſteemed their unqueſtionable and invaluable birth Rights.*

They therefore proſtrating themſelves at the foot of your Throne moſt humbly implore your Fatherly goodneſs and Protection of this and all their ſiſter Colonies in the Enjoyment of their antient and ineſtimable right of being Governed by ſuch Laws only, reſpecting their internal Polity and Taxation as are derived from their own Conſent with the approbation of their Sovereign; a Right, which, as freemen founding their Claim upon the vital Principles of the Britiſh *Conſtitution, they have exerciſed without interruption, and which, as they humbly conceive, has been frequently recognized and confirmed to them. And they do aſſure your Majeſty with that Truth and Sincerity, which duty, gratitude and affection to the beſt of Kings ought ever to inſpire, that they will at all times exert their beſt Endeavours, even at the expence of their Lives and Fortunes, to promote the Glory of your Majeſty's Reign and the Proſperity of* Great Britain *upon which they are convinced that their own Security and Happineſs does eſſentially depend.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 301.

That your Majeſty may long and glorioufly Reign in the hearts of a free and happy People is the moſt ardent Prayer of your Majeſty's moſt faithful and dutiful Subjects.

The Council *and the* Burgeſſes *and* Repreſentatives
of the People *of* Virginia.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORDS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Memorial of his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council and the Burgeſſes and Repreſentatives of the People of Virginia *now met in General Aſſembly. Humbly repreſents,*

That your Memorialiſts are ſo truly ſenſible of the happineſs and Security they derive from their connexions with and dependance upon Great Britain, *the Parent Kingdom of this and all his Majeſty's other Colonies in* America, *that they cannot but be impreſſed with the deepeſt concern that any unlucky Incidents ſhould ever have interrupted that Salutary and pleaſing harmony which they wiſh ever to Subſiſt. They acknowledge the Wiſdom and Juſtice of Parliament in repealing the late oppreſſive Stamp Act though they muſt conſider ſeveral recent Acts of the* Britiſh *legiſlature as equally ſubverſive of thoſe conſtitutional Principles of Liberty and Freedom, which they and their Anceſtors have ever eſteemed their indiſputable Birth Rights, as the immediate heirs and deſcendants of freeborn* Britons.

Your Memorialiſts cannot ſufficiently lament that the Remoteneſs of their Situation from the ſeat of his Majeſty's Empire too often expoſes them to ſuch miſrepreſentations as are apt to inſolve them in cenſures of Diſloyalty to their moſt gracious Sovereign and the want of a proper reſpect and deference to the Britiſh *Parliament, whereas they have ever indulged themſelves in the agreeable perſuaſion that they had entitled themſelves to be conſidered as inferior to none of their fellow Subjects in any part of his Majeſty's Dominions, for duty or affection. They therefore humbly hope, that an application to your Lordſhips the fixed and hereditary guardians of* Britiſh *Liberty upon ſo important an occaſion will not be thought improper, but that the Grievances of a whole People will be regarded as Objects worthy your moſt ſerious Attention.*

They preſume not to claim any other than the natural Rights of Britiſh *Subjects; the fundamental and vital Principles of their happy Government, ſo univerſally admired, is known to conſiſt in this: that no Power on Earth has a Right to impoſe Taxes upon the People or to take the ſmalleſt Portion of their Property without their Conſent, given by their Repreſentatives in Parliament; this has ever been eſteemed the chief pillar of their Conſtitution, the very Palladium of their Liberties. If this Principle is ſuffered to decay, the Conſtitution muſt expire with it, as no Man can enjoy even the ſhadow of Freedom; if his property, acquired by his own Induſtry and the ſweat of his brow, may be wreſted from him at the Will of another without his own Conſent.*

This Truth is ſo well eſtabliſhed that it is unneceſſary to attempt a Demonſtration of it to Engliſhmen, *who feel the Principle firmly implanted in them diffuſing through their whole frame Complacency and Chearfulneſs.*

In this happy Situation lived the Anceſtors of your Memorialiſts when they firſt undertook, with the Approbation of their Sovereigns, but at the expence of their Blood and their own Treaſure, to explore and ſettle theſe new Regions. The natural and conſtitutional Rights and Privileges which they had enjoyed in their native Country, your Memorialiſts humbly conceive could not be loſt or forfeited by their migration to America, *but were brought over by them entire and tranſmitted to their Deſcendants inviolate.*

Let not your Memorialiſts, my Lords, be miſunderſtood; they affect not, they do not wiſh an independency of their parent Kingdom, but rejoice in their reciprocal connexions, which they know are eſſential to the happineſs of both. They have been Cheriſhed, they have been Protected by their mother Country and acknowledge themſelves bound by every tie of Gratitude and Affection to embrace all opportunities of promoting the Proſperity of Great Britain *to the utmoſt of their Abilities. They chearfully acquieſce in the authority of Parliament to make Laws for preſerving this neceſſary dependance, yet they cannot conceive and humbly inſiſt that it is not eſſential to this Purpoſe or to ſupport a proper relation between a Mother Country and Colonies tranſplanted from her, that ſhe ſhould have a Right to raiſe money upon them without their Conſent.*

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The Trade of the Colonies almoſt as ſoon as it became an Object worthy the national Attention was laid under ſuch Reſtrictions as were thought neceſſary to ſecure their Dependance and promote the Intereſt of the whole extended Empire. The natural Rights and firſt Principles of the Engliſh *conſtitution were very early engrafted into the Conſtitutions of the Colonies; hence a legiſlative Authority, ever eſſential in all free States, was derived and aſſimilated as nearly as might be to that in* England; *the Crown reſerving to itſelf the executive Authority of Government, and the Power of aſſenting and diſſenting to all Laws; but the Privilege of chooſing their own Repreſentatives was continued in the People, and confirmed to them by repeated and expreſs Stipulations. The conſtitution and Government of this Colony being thus fixed and eſtabliſhed, your Memorialiſts and their Anceſtors enjoyed the Fruits of their own Labour, with a Security which Liberty only can impart. Upon preſſing and emergent Occaſions, not within their own Powers of Redreſs, they frequently applied to their King and common Father, and repeatedly they own it with Gratitude have received ſeaſonable Reliefs from their Mother Country; on the other hand when his Majeſty has had occaſion for the aſſiſtance of his dutiful Subjects in* America, *Requiſitions have been conſtantly made from the Crown, by the King's Governors to the Repreſentatives of the People, who have complied with them to the utmoſt extent of their Abilities. The ample and adequate Proviſion made by the Aſſemblies of this Colony in the Reign of King* Charles *the Second and upon his Requiſition for the ſupport of the civil Government by an Impoſt of two Shillings Sterling per Hogſhead upon all our Tobacco exported; one ſhilling and three pence per Tonn upon Ships and Veſſels; and ſixpence per Poll upon all Perſons imported except Mariners; the many and large Supplies voted during the Courſe of the laſt War, upon Requiſitions from his Majeſty and his Royal Grandfather, afford both early and recent Inſtances of the diſpoſition of the Aſſemblies of this Colony to do every thing that could reaſonably be aſked or expected from them, and are at the ſame time inconteſtable proofs that the Parliament of* Great Britain *never, till very lately, aſſumed a Power of impoſing Taxes on the People of the Colonies for the purpoſes of raiſing a Revenue or ſupporting the contingences of Government.*

To ſay that the Parliament of Great Britain *has a conſtitutional Authority and Right to impoſe internal Taxes on the Inhabitants of this Continent, who are not and, from the nature of their ſituation, cannot be Repreſented in the houſe of Commons, is in a Word, as your Memorialiſts moſt humbly conceive, to command them to bid Adieu to their natural and civil Liberties and prepare for a ſtate of Slavery. The Commons of* Great Britain *can impoſe no Tax on the People there without burthening themſelves in ſome Proportion; if their Taxes ſhould be diſagreeable and grevious to their Conſtituents, the Conſtitution has not left the People without a Remedy. But what, my Lords, muſt be the Situation of the Coloniſts, if an Authority and Right to Tax them ſhould be eſtabliſhed in the* Britiſh *Parliament? Unrepreſented as they are and for ever muſt be their Grievances cannot be fairly and properly explained; they have it not in their Power, if they are to be Taxed, to point out the Mode leaſt burthenſome to themſelves; the Parliament bears no Share of the Taxes imposed on the Colonies, and their doom will generally be determined before they receive the leaſt intelligence that a Subject had been agitated in Parliament, whereby they or their Intereſts might be affected. The notion of a virtual Repreſentation has been ſo often and clearly refuted, that your Memorialiſts decline troubling your Lordſhips with any Obſervations on that Head.*

The Stamp Act, ſo often and juſtly complained of confeſſedly impoſed internal Taxes on the Colonies and ſeveral late Acts of Parliament plainly, as your Memorialiſts conceive, tend to the ſame point. That the Parliament may make Laws for regulating the Trade of the Colonies has been granted; ſometimes Duties have been impoſed to reſtrain the Commerce of one part of the Empire, that was likely to prove injurious to another, and by this means the general Welfare of the whole may have been Promoted. But a Tax impoſed upon ſuch of the Britiſh *Exports, as are neceſſaries of Life, to be paid by the Coloniſts upon Importation, and this not with the moſt diſtant view to the Intereſts of Commerce, but merely to raiſe a Revenue, or in plainer Words to compel the Coloniſts to part with their Money againſt their inclinations, your Memorialiſts conceive to be a Tax internal to all Intents and Purpoſes.*

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Of this ſort your Memorialiſts cannot but conſider the late Acts of Parliament granting certain Duties in the Britiſh *Colonies and Plantations in* America; *the Preamble of the Act plainly ſpeaks the Deſign of it; and can it, my Lords, be thought juſt or reaſonable that the Coloniſts, reſtricted as they are in their Trade of every kind, ſhould be compelled to pay Duties on the Articles enumerated in this Act? They have long been reſtrained from purchaſing many of the neceſſaries of Life at any other than the* Britiſh *Market, they are confined in their Exports alſo, and now are told that they ſhall not have ſuch neceſſaries without paying a Duty for them. The Stamp Act impoſed a Duty upon certain Inſtruments of Writing, and by the late Act the Colonies are to be compelled to pay a Duty upon every ſlip of Paper they uſe in the moſt ordinary Occurrences of Life.*

The purpoſes of Government, which are ſaid to be the chief Objects of this Act, your Memorialiſts have ſhewn were long ſince Provided for in this Colony; this is again remarked, not that your Memorialiſts would claim any particular excluſive Merit from it, but to ſhew how eaſily our internal Concerns may be miſtaken at the diſtance of three thouſand Miles; for had this been attended to, your Memorialiſts are unwilling to ſuppoſe that the Parliament would have impoſed Taxes on a Colony, for purpoſes amply provided for in that Colony. The manner alſo in which this Act is to be Executed, your Memorialiſts are apprehenſive may in time prove Deſtructive to the Liberties of the People.

The Act ſuſpending the legiſlative Power of the Province of New York, *your Memorialiſts cannot but conſider as ſtill more alarming to the Colonies in General, though it has that ſingle Province in view as its immediate Object. If the Parliament has a right to compel the Colonies to furniſh a ſingle Article for the Troops ſent over to* America *by the ſame Rule they may oblige them to furniſh Cloaths, Arms and every other Thing; even the pay of the Officers and Soldiers: a Doctrine replete with every kind of Miſchief and utterly ſubverſive of every Thing dear and valuable to us. For what advantage could the People of the Colonies derive from their Right of Chooſing their own Repreſentatives, if thoſe Repreſentatives when choſen, not permitted to Exerciſe their own Judgments, were under a neceſſity, (on pain of being deprived of their legiſlative Authority) of enforcing the Mandates of a* Britiſh *Parliament, though ever ſo injurious to the Intereſts of the Colony they Repreſented. Your Memorialiſts could enlarge upon this diſagreeable Subject, but fear they have already Treſpaſſed too far upon your Lordſhips Time and Patience. They have communicated to your Lordſhips, and it is hoped with the greateſt Decency and Reſpect, the Sentiments of a free and loyal People. It only remains for them to beſeech your Lordſhips with that earneſtneſs which the Importance of the Subject inſpires, to uſe your Parliamentary Power and influence in procuring a Repeal of the above recited Acts of Parliament and in ſecuring to us, his Majeſty's moſt dutiful though diſtant Subjects, the full enjoyment of all our natural and conſtitutional Rights and Privileges.*

TO THE HONORABLE THE KNIGHTS CITIZENS AND BURGESSES OF GREAT BRITAIN IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Council and the Houſe of Burgeſſes, the ſole conſtitutional Repreſentatives of his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the People of Virginia *now met in General Aſſembly, having taken into their moſt ſerious Conſideration the State of this Colony, with due Deference and Reſpect to the Wiſdom of the Repreſentatives of the Commons of* Great Britian, *remonſtrate as follows.*

It is with equal Grief and Amazement that the Remonſtrants have learnt that they have been repreſented in Great Britian *as diſloyal to their moſt gracious Sovereign and diſaffected to his Government, ſince by their whole Conduct they have endeavoured to approve themſelves ſecond to none of their fellow Subjects, in any part of his Majeſty's Dominions, for Duty and Affection.*

They are truly ſenſible of the Happineſs and Security they derive from their Connexions with and dependance upon Great Britain *their Parent Kingdom; and as they have at all times exerted their beſt Endeavours to make ſuch ſuitable returns on their Parts as might render the continuance of thoſe Connexions permanent and equally Deſirable to both, they cannot but feel the deepeſt Concern that any Incidents ſhould have interrupted that pleaſing Harmony, which they wiſh ever to Subſiſt.*

As Members of the British *Empire, they preſume not to claim any other than the common unqueſtionable Rights of* British *Subjects, who, by a fundamental and vital Principle of their Conſtitution cannot be ſubjected to any kind of Taxation or have the ſmalleſt Portion of their Property taken from them by any Power on Earth without their Conſent given by their Repreſentatives in Parliament; this Pillor of their Conſtitution the very Palladium of their Liberties, hath been ſo zealouſly preſerved by the Houſe of Commons of* Great Britain, *that they have never ſuffered any other branch of their Legiſlature to make the ſmalleſt amendment or alteration in any of their Supply Bills, leſt it ſhould be drawn into Precedent and conſidered as a Ceſſion of ſo dear and eſſential a Right and Privilege.*

If this Principle is ever ſuffered to decay, the Conſtitution muſt pine away and Expire with it, as no Man can enjoy even the Shadow of Liberty or Freedom, if his Property, acquired by his own Labour and Induſtry, can be wreſted from him at the Will of another. To attempt demonſtrating this to an Engliſhman *muſt ſurely be unneceſſary: he feels the Principle within him, and it diffuſes through his whole Frame that complacency and Chearfulneſs without which he could not live at Eaſe.*

Our Anceſtors, who, at the expence of their Blood and Treaſure, firſt explored and ſettled theſe new Regions, being entitled to theſe natural and conſtitutional Rights, could not forfeit or loſe them by their Migration to America, *not as Vagabonds and Fugitives, but with the Licence and under the Encouragement of their Sovereigns, being animated with the laudable deſire of enlarging the* Engliſh *Dominion and extending its Commerce; but on the contrary they brought theſe their common Birth Rights over with them entire and tranſmitted them inviolate to us their Poſterity.*

Let not the Remonſtrants be miſunderſtood, as affecting or wiſhing an Independency of Great Britain; *they rather rejoice in that conſtitutional Connexion, which they know is eſſential to the Happineſs of both; they have been Cheriſhed, they have been kindly Protected by her, and cannot indulge themſelves with the Perſuation that the Benefits which have been redounded and which daily Accrue to their Mother Country from her Trade with the Colonies have hitherto proved and ſtill continue an Adequate and Ample recompence for ſuch Protection.*

They have acquieſced in the Authority of Parliament to make Laws for preſerving a neceſſary Dependence, yet they cannot think it eſſential to this Purpoſe, or to preſerve a proper relation between a Parent Kingdom and Colonies tranſplanted from her, that ſhe ſhould raiſe Money upon them without their Conſent. The Trade of the Colonies, almoſt as ſoon as it became an Object, worthy the national Attention, was laid under ſuch Reſtrictions as were thought neceſſary to ſecure their Dependance and promote the Intereſts of the whole extended Empire. The natural Rights and firſt Principles of the Engliſh *Conſtitution were very early engrafted into the Conſtitutions of the Colonies; hence a Legiſlative Authority, which has always been thought eſſential in every free State, was derived and aſſimilated, as nearly as might be, to that eſtabliſhed in* England; *The Crown reſerving to itſelf the executive Authority of Government and the Power of aſſenting and diſſenting to all Laws; but the Privilege of chooſing their own Repreſentatives was continued in the People, and confirmed to them by repeated and expreſs Stipulations. The Conſtitution and Government of this Colony being thus Eſtabliſhed and fixed, the Remonſtrants and their Anceſtors enjoyed the perfect ſweets of Liberty and Freedom. Upon preſſing and Emergent occaſions, not within their own Powers of Redreſs, they have frequently applied to their King and common Father, and often, they own it with Gratitude, have received ſeaſonable Reliefs from their Mother Country; on the other Hand when his Majeſty has had Occaſion for the aſſiſtance of his dutiful Subjects in* America, *Requiſitions have been conſtantly made from the Crown by the King's Governors, to the Repreſentatives of the People, who have complied with them to the utmoſt of their Abilities. The ample and adequate Proviſion made by the Aſſembly of this Colony ſo long ago as the Reign of King* Charles *the Second, and upon his Requiſition, for ſupport of the civil Government by an Impoſt of two Shillings Sterling per Hogſhead on all Tobacco exported, one Shilling and three pence Tonnage upon all Ships and Veſſels, and ſixpence per Poll on all Perſons imported, except Mariners, with the many and large Supplies, exceeding half a Million, voted during the Courſe of the laſt War*

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upon Requiſitions made to the Aſſembly of this Colony by his Majeſty and his royal Grandfather afford both early and recent Inſtances of the diſpoſition of the Aſſemblies of this Colony to do every Thing that could reaſonably be deſired or expected of them, and at the ſame time are inconteſtable Proofs that the Commons of Great Britain *never, till very lately, aſſumed a Power of impoſing Taxes on the People of the Colonies for the purpoſes of raiſing a Revenue or ſupporting the contingences of Government. To ſay that the Commons of* Great Britain *have a Conſtitutional Right and Authority to give and Grant at their Pleaſure the Properties of the People in the Colonies or to impoſe an internal Tax of any kind upon them, who are not and cannot, from the nature of their Situation, be repreſented in their Houſe of Commons is in a Word to command them to bid Adieu to their natural and civil Liberties and to prepare for a State of the moſt abject Slavery.*

The Commons of Great Britian *can impoſe no Taxes on the People there without burthening themſelves in ſome Proportion; if the Taxes they impoſe ſhould be thought grevious or unneceſſary the Conſtitution hath not left the People without a proper Remedy. But what muſt be the Situation of the Coloniſts, if the late and new broached Doctrine ſhould prevail? Unrepreſented as they are and forever muſt be, they can have no Opportunity of explaining their juſt Grievances, and, if they are to be Taxed, of pointing out the leaſt inconvenient and burthenſome Mode of doing it; in ſhort their doom will generally be pronounced, before they can receive the leaſt Intelligence that a Subject, whereby they or their Intereſts might be affected, hath been agitated in Parliament.*

The notion of a virtual Repreſentation hath been ſo often and fully refuted, that it ſurely is unneceſſary to multiply Words on that Head: if the Property, the Liberties, the Lives of Millions of his Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects are merely ideal, how deplorable muſt be their Condition.

The late oppreſſive Stamp Act, ſo often and juſtly complained of, in repealing which your Remonſtrants have repeatedly acknowledged the Wiſdom and Juſtiee of Parliament, did confeſſedly impoſe a Tax on the Coloniſts merely internal; and the Remonſtrants cannot but conſider ſeveral late Acts of the Britiſh *Parliament as tending directly to the ſame Point. That the Parliament may make Laws for regulating the Trade of the Colonies has been granted; ſometimes Duties have been properly enough impoſed to reſtrain the Commerce of one part of the Empire that might prove Injurious to another, and by this means the general Welfare of the whole may have been Promoted; but a Tax impoſed upon the real neceſſaries of Life for the ſole Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue, or, in other Words, to compel the Inhabitants of the Colonies to pay large Sums of Money, whether they will or not, and this not with a view to the general Intereſts of Commerce, the Remonſtrants muſt ever think mere internal Tax to all Intents and Purpoſes. Of this ſort they cannot but conſider a late Act of Parliament "Giving and Granting certain duties in the* Britiſh *Colonies and Plantations in* America;" *the Preamble plainly ſpeaks the Deſign of the Act; and can it be thought juſt or reaſonable that the Coloniſts reſtricted as they are in every Branch of their Trade ſhould be obliged to pay Duties on the Articles enumerated in this Act? They are, in the firſt Place, by former Laws prohibited from purchaſing theſe neceſſaries of Life at any other that the* Britiſh *Market, they are confined in their Exports alſo; by this they are to be compelled to pay ſevere Duties on ſuch neceſſaries. By the Stamp Act they were forbid, under grevious Penalties, tranſacting all ſorts of important Buſineſs except upon Stampt Paper, by this Act they are inhibited the uſe of Paper in the moſt common and ordinary Occurrences, unleſs they will firſt ſubmit to pay a Duty for it. The purpoſes of Government which are ſaid to be the chief Objects of this Act the Remonſtrants have ſhewn were long ſince provided for by an ample and perpetual Act of Aſſembly; this is again remarked, not becauſe the Remonſtrants would claim any particular excluſive Merit from it, but to ſhew how eaſily their internal concerns may be miſtaken at the diſtance of Three Thouſand Miles, they being unwilling to believe that, had this Circumſtance been attended to, the Parliament would have impoſed Taxes on this Colony for purpoſes already provided for. The manner in which this Act is to be Executed, the Remonſtrants cannot but conſider as extremely dangerous to the Liberties of the People.*

The Act ſuſpending the legiſlative Power of the Province of New York *the Remonſtrants*

conſider as ſtill more alarming to the Colonies in General, though it has that ſingle Province in view as its immediate Object. If the Parliament has a Right to compel the Coloniſts to furniſh a ſingle Article for the Troops ſent over to America, *by the ſame Rule of Right they may compel them to furniſh Cloaths, Arms and every other neceſſary, even the pay of the Officers and Soldiers; a Doctrine replete with every kind of Miſchief and utterly ſubverſive of all that is dear and valuable to them. For what advantage could the People of the Colonies derive from their Right of chooſing their own Repreſentatives, if thoſe Repreſentatives when choſen, not permitted to exerciſe their own judgments, were under a Neceſſity (on pain of being deprived of their legiſlative Authority) of enforcing the Mandates of a* Britiſh *Parliament. Thus have the Remonſtrants expreſſed, and, they truſt, with decent firmneſs the Sentiments of a Free and loyal People, it is hoped that the Honorable Houſe of Commons will no longer proſecute Meaſures, which they who are deſigned to ſuffer under them muſt ever conſider as much fitter for Exiles, driven from their native Country after having ignominiouſly forfeited her favours and Protection than for the Poſterity of* Britons *who have been at all Times anxious and Solicitous to demonſtrate their reſpect and affection for their Mother Kingdom by embracing every occaſion to promote her Proſperity and Glory; But that* Britiſh *Patriots will never conſent to the Exerciſe of anticonſtitutional Powers, which, even in theſe remote corners, may in Time prove dangerous in their Example to the interior parts of the* Britiſh *Empire. Should the Remonſtrants be diſappointed in theſe hopes the neceſſary reſult will be that the Coloniſts, reduced to extreme Poverty, will be compelled to contract themſelves within their little Spheres and obliged to content themſelves with their homeſpun Manufactures.*

Reſolved, nemine contradicente, that this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Petition, Memorial, and Remonſtrance, ſo amended.

Reſolved, That the Concurrence of the Council be deſired to the ſaid Petition Memorial and Remonſtrance.

Ordered, That a Conference be deſired with the Council upon Matters of the higheſt Importance to the ſafety and well being of this Colony.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

Mr *Blair* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Edward Weſtmore* was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame as it appeared to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth *viz*t.

Your Committee having repaired to the public Priſon and inſpected the Garden Pales, it appeared that the ſaid Pales were in bad Order; that the whole ſeemed to be old, and ſome Parts ſo very ruinous as not to anſwer the purpoſe of a preſent Incloſure. Whereupon your Committee came to the following Reſolution.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was upon the Queſtion put thereupon agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Waller*, Gentleman be deſired to treat and agree with a Workman for the repairing of the Garden belonging to the public Gaol.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill for the better ſecuring the Payment of the Debt due to the Country from the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſqr late Treaſurer of this Colony; And the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe was called over; and the Names of ſuch Members as made Default to appear were taken down.

Then the *Names* of ſuch Members as made Default to appear were again called over and they were excuſed.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Friday

Friday, the 15th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

A *Member* returned upon a new Writ having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

A *Bill* for the better ſecuring the Payment of the Debt due to the Country from the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſq^r late Treaſurer of the Colony; was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will this Day reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by M^r *Walthoe:*

M^r *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill *intituled* An Act[1] to Dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Roſcow* is ſeized and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

M^r *Bland* reported to the Houſe that he had been to deſire a Conference with the Council.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by M^r *Walthoe:*

M^r *Speaker*,

The Council agree to the Conference *deſired by the Houſe, and appoint the ſame in the Conference Chamber.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the ſaid Conference.

And a *Committee* was appointed of M^r *Bland*, M^r *Treaſurer*, M^r *Archibald Cary*, M^r *Benjamin Harriſon*, M^r *Pendleton*, and M^r *Thomſon Maſon*.

Ordered, That the Petition to his moſt excellent Majeſty, the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, and the Remonſtrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeſſes of *Great Britian* in Parliament aſſembled, which were Yeſterday agreed to by this Houſe, be delivered to the Council at the ſaid Conference, and that the Council be deſired to concur therein.

Ordered, That M^r *Bland* do go to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have appointed ſix of their Members to meet the Managers appointed by the Council.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by M^r *Walthoe:*

M^r *Speaker*,

The Council have appointed three of their Members who are now ready in the Conference Chamber to meet the Managers appointed by this Houſe.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Then the *Managers* appointed by this Houſe went to the Conference:

And being returned,

M^r *Bland* reported that they had been at the Conference; and left the Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance with the Council and deſired their Concurrence thereunto.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the City of *Williamſburg* was preſented to the Houſe and read ſetting forth that ſome Time in the Month of *January* laſt, the ſmall Pox unfortunately broke out in the ſaid City, and ſpread a general Alarm through the whole Coun-

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 301.

try as the extenſive intercourſe between that Seat of our Government and the ſeveral Parts of the Colony threatened a general Communication of the dangerous Infection which would undoubtedly have been the Conſequence had not the Vigilance of the Magiſtrates in exerting the Powers given by a late Act of Aſſembly for taxing the People within their Juriſdiction for certain Purpoſes, and in taking every prudent Method the Exigency of affairs then demanded happily prevented it and thereby opened a free Communication with every Part of the Colony to the general Good, as the Petitioners humbly conceived, of the whole: And further ſetting forth that at a late Meeting of the Hall for the ſaid City it was found that the whole Expence incurred in that neceſſary Work, including fifty Pounds which the Preſident and Maſters of the College agreed to pay as their Proportion amounted to the Sum of Two hundred and thirty Pounds, for raiſing ſo much whereof as was to be paid by the Petitioners the ſaid Hall was under the Neceſſity of impoſing a Tax on the Petitioners of no leſs than ſix Shillings per Poll. And therefore humbly praying that at a Time when the Community in general ſeems to be upon the Eve of recovering from the great Burthen they have many Years born and of being relieved from the public Taxes, the Petitioners may not be left to bear the Weight of a Taxation ſtill greater than ever for Purpoſes more intimately indeed affecting themſelves yet in great Meaſure neceſſary alſo to the public Quiet and the univerſal Good of the People but that this Houſe will afford ſuch Relief to them as to their Wiſdom and Juſtice may ſeem fit.

And the *Queſtion* being put that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

I am commanded to acquaint this Houſe that the Council deſire a free Conference immediately with this Houſe on the Subject Matter of the laſt Conference in the Conference Chamber.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree to meet the Council at a preſent free Conference as the Council do deſire.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council and acquaint them that the Houſe had conſidered of their Meſſage and did agree to meet the Counеil at a preſent free Conference as the Council do deſire.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the ſaid Conferenee.

And a *Committee* was appointed of the Gentlemen who managed the laſt Conference.

And the *Names* of the Managers were called over; and they went to the Conference.

And being returned;

Mr *Bland* reported the Conference; and that it was to acquaint this Houſe that the Council have agreed to the Petition to his moſt excellent Majeſty the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Paliament aſſembled, and the Remonſtranee to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeſſes of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, filling up the Blanks with the Word "*Council:*" And that the Council recommended it to this Houſe to direct the Committee of Correſpondenee that they deſire the Agent for this Colony in *Great Britian* to act in Conjunction with the Agent for the Council there in ſoliciting the ſaid Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance and endeavouring to obtain the Ends thereof.

Reſolved, That Mr *Speaker* be directed to deliver fair Copies of the ſaid Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance to the Preſident and deſire his Honor that he will be pleaſed to tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty's principal Secretary of State appointed to manage the Affairs of *North America*.

Ordered

Ordered, That the Committee of Correſpondence to tranſmit fair Copies of the ſaid Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance to *Edward Montague*, Eſq^r, Agent for this Colony in *Great Britain* and deſire him to act in Conjunction with *James Abercrombie*, Eſq^r: Agent for the Council in ſoliciting the ſaid Petition, Memorial and Remonſtrance, and purſue the moſt effectual Meaſures for obtaining the Ends thereof.

Reſolved, *nemine contradicente* that M^r *Speaker* be directed to write to the Speaker of the honorable Houſe of Repreſentative of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay to deſire he would inform that Houſe that his Letter of *February* 11^th, 1768 written by their Direction and in their Name had been conſidered by this Houſe that we could not but applaud them for their Attention to *American* Liberty and that the Steps we had taken thereon would convince them of our Opinion of the fatal Tendency of the Acts of Parliament complained of and of our fixed Reſolution to concur with the other Colonies in their Application for Redreſs. And that he be alſo directed to write to the reſpective Speakers of the Aſſemblies and Repreſentatives on this Continent to make known to them our Proceedings on this Subject and to intimate how neceſſary we think it is that the Colonies ſhould unite in a firm but decent Oppoſition to every Meaſure which may affect the Rights and Liberties of the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America*.

The Houſe according to *Order* reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for the better ſecuring the Payment of the Debt due to the Country from the Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſquire late Treaſurer of this Colony.

M^r *Speaker* left the Chair.

M^r *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

M^r *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

M^r *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table where the Amendments were once read throughout and then a ſecond Time one by one and upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral ſums following be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly reſpectively.

To *George Wythe*, Eſq^r.; Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes		£ 125
To *Nathaniel Walthoe*; Eſq^r; Clerk of the General Aſſembly		60
To the Rev^d. M^r *Thomas Price*, Chaplain		30
To M^r *Francis Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms		40
To M^r *Richard Starke*, Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections and Propoſitions and Grievances		10
To M^r *Thomas Everard*, Clerk of the Committee of Courts of Juſtice		10
To the Door-Keeper of the Council		10
To *James Lavie*	Door-Keepers to the Houſe	10
To *Robert Hyland*		10
To *William Hicks*		10
To *John Creagh*		10
To M^r *Peter Pelham*, Organiſt		25
To M^r *Benjamin Powell* for cleaning the Capitol		5

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed and that M^r *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſame to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned til To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 *o'Clock.*

Saturday

Saturday. the 16th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

AN ingroſſed *Bill* intituled *An Act*[1] *for the better ſecuring the Payment of the Debt due to the Country from the Eſtate of* John Robinſon, *Eſq*r *late Treaſurer of this Colony;* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That a Conference be deſired with the Council upon the Subject of the laſt Conference.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do go to the Council and deſire the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That the Petition to his moſt excellent Majeſty, the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, and the Remonſtrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeſſes of *Great Britian* in Parliament aſſembled be delivered to the Council at the ſaid Conference and that the Council be deſired to ſign the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That Mr *Treaſurer* out of the public Money in his hands do pay the Sum of five Pounds ſeven Shillings and ſixpence to Mr *Francis Eppes* Serjeant at Arms for his Fees and expences for taking *James Pride* into Cuſtody for Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported to the Houſe that he had been to deſire a Conference with the Council.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill *intituled* An Act[2] for the Eaſe of the People by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly. *Alſo*

To the Reſolve *of this Houſe for paying the Officers Salaries. And alſo*

The Council have agreed to the Conference deſired by this Houſe and appoint the ſame preſently in the Conference Chamber.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the ſaid Conference.

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, and Mr *Blair*.

Then the *Managers* went to the Conference.

And being returned;

Mr *Treaſurer* reported that they had been at the Conference and left the Petition to his moſt excellent Majeſty, the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled and the Remonſtrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeſſes of *Great Britian* in Parliament aſſembled, with the Council, and deſired them to ſign the ſame.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe;*

Mr *Speaker*,

I am commanded to acquaint this Houſe that the Council deſire a free Conference immediately with this Houſe on the Subject Matter of the laſt Conference in the Conference Chamber.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree to meet the Council at a preſent free Conference as the Council do deſire.

Ordered

[1] Not recorded as a law. [2] Hening, VIII, p. 303.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do go to the Council and acquaint them that the Houſe had conſidered of their Meſſage and did agree to meet the Council at a preſent free Conference as the Council do deſire.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the ſaid free Conference.

And a *Committee* was appointed of the Gentlemen who managed the laſt Conference.

And the *Names* of the Managers were called over; and they went to the Conference.

And being returned;

Mr *Treaſurer* reported that the Managers had met the Managers of the Council who returned the ſaid Petition Memorial and Remonſtrance ſigned by one of the Council for the whole Body.

Mr *Dudley Digges* reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order examined the inrolled Bills and Reſolves, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein and that they were truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Dudley Digges* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Reſolved, That the public Faith is engaged to ſecure the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes now remaining in Circulation at all Events; and therefore although an Act hath paſſed to diſcontinue the Land and Poll Tax impoſed to be collected in this and the ſucceeding Year from a Purſuaſion that the other Taxes and the Arrears due to the Public which are to effect that Redemption are fully ſufficient for that Purpoſe, that yet if any Deficiency ſhould happen in thoſe Arrears, the ſame ought to be ſupplied and made good by the Public.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have inſpected the inrolled Bills and Reſolves and are ſatisfied that the ſame are truly inrolled.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

A *Meſſage* from the Preſident by Mr *Walthoe:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Preſident commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber and that you bring with you ſuch Bills and Reſolves as are ready for his Aſſent.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker* with the Houſe went up to attend the Preſident in the Council Chamber where his Honor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following public and private Bills *viz*t.

1. *An Act*[1] *to repeal ſo much of the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned as impoſe a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years One Thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-eight and One Thouſand ſeven hundred and Sixty-nine.*

2. *An Act*[2] *for further continuing the Act intitled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

3. *An Act*[3] *for further continuing and amending the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

4. *An Act*[4] *for altering the Court Day of the County of* Goochland.

5. *An Act*[5] *to repeal ſo much of an Act intituled An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries as relates to a Ferry acroſs the* Fluvanna *River from and to the Lands of* William Cabell *Gentleman.*

6. *An Act*[6] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* James Roſcow *is ſeized and for ſettling Slaves to be purchaſed in Lieu thereof.*

7. *An Act*[7] *for the Eaſe of the People by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

And his Honor was likewiſe pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Reſolves *viz*t.

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[1] Hening, VIII. p. 295. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 298. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 299. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 300.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 300. [6] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 301. [7] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 303.

1. A *Reſolve* for allowing the Printer his Salary.
2. A *Reſolve* for paying certain Salaries to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly

Then M^r *Speaker* delivered the Petition to his Majeſty, the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, and the Remonſtrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeſſes of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled to the Preſident deſiring his Honor to tranſmit the same to his Majeſty's principal Secretary of State appointed to manage the Affairs of *North America;* which the Preſident was pleaſed to ſay ſhould be done.

And then his Honor was pleaſed to Prorogue the General Aſſembly to the third *Thurſday* in *July* next.

And then he ſaid:

The great relief you have given to the diſtreſſes of the country, in eaſing them of the land and poll taxes, gives me much pleaſure; but as the ſeſſion has treſpaſſed ſo much on the General Court, by obſtructing all buſineſs there for ſeveral days, I find it neceſſary to put an end to it, by proroguing you to the third Thurſday *in* July, *next and you are accordingly prorogued to that time.*

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Amelia	Thomas Tabb Robert Munford
Amherſt	William Cabell, Jr. Cornelius Thomas
Auguſta	John Wilſon Gabriel Jones
Bedford	John Talbot Charles Lynch
Buckingham	Joſeph Cabell Benjamin Howard
Brunſwick	Nathaniel Edwards, Jr. Frederick Maclin
Caroline	Edmund Pendleton Francis Coleman
Charles City	Benjamin Harriſon William Acrill
Charlotte	Paul Carrington Iſaac Read
Cheſterfield	Archibald Cary Edward Oſborne
The College	John Blair
Culpeper	Henry Pendleton John Green
Cumberland	John Mayo Alexander Trent
Dinwiddie	Robert Bolling Bolling Starke
Elizabeth City	Wilſon Miles Cary James Wallace
Eſſex	Francis Waring William Roane
Fairfax	George Waſhington John Weſt
Fauquier	Thomas Harriſon James Scott
Frederick	Robert Rutherford James Wood
Glouceſter	Thomas Whiting Lewis Burwell
Goochland	John Woodſon Joſias Payne
Halifax	Nathaniel Terry John Lewis
Hampſhire	James Mercer Abraham Hite
Hanover	William Macon, Jr. Patrick Henry, Jr.
Henrico	Richard Randolph Richard Adams
Iſle of Wight	Richard Baker James Bridger
James City	Robert Carter Nicholas Lewis Burwell
Jameſtown	Champion Travis, Jr.
King and Queen	William Lyne John Taylor Corbin
King George†	
King William	Carter Braxton Thomas Claiborne
Lancaſter	*James Ball Charles Carter
Loudoun	Francis Peyton James Hamilton
Louiſa	Richard Anderſon Thomas Johnſon
Lunenburg	Henry Blagrave John Randolph
Mecklenburg	Robert Munford *Matthew Marrable
Middleſex	Gawin Corbin Philip Ludwell Grymes
Nanſemond	David Meade Willis Riddick
New Kent	Burwell Baſſett William Clayton
Norfolk	John Wilſon Thomas Newton, Jr.
Norfolk Borough	Joſeph Hutchings
Northampton	Severn Eyre John Harmanſon
Northumberland	Spencer Mottram Ball George Ball
Orange	James Walker Thomas Barbour
Pittſylvania	John Donelſon Hugh Innes

*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.
†No election held, *ſee* p. 190.

Prince Edward	Thomas Scott Peter Johnſton	Stafford	Thomſon Maſon John Alexander
Prince George	Richard Bland Peter Poythreſs	Surry	Thomas Bailey Hartwell Cocke
Princeſs Anne	John Ackiſs Edward Hack Moſeley, Jr.	Suſſex	David Maſon John Edmonds
Prince William	Fouſhee Tebbs Henry Lee	Warwick	William Harwood William Digges
Richmond	John Woodbridge Thomas Glaſſcock	Weſtmoreland	Richard Henry Lee Richard Lee
Southampton	Henry Taylor Edwin Gray	Williamſburg	Peyton Randolph
Spotſylvania	Benjamin Grymes Peter Marye	York	Dudley Digges Thomas Nelſon, Jr.

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By the Honourable John Blair, Eſquire; Preſident of his Majeſty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the ſaid Colony and Dominion:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the third *Thurſday* in *July* next and whereas, I ſee no neceſſity of it convening at that time: I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Conſent and Advice of his Majeſty's Council, to farther prorogue them to the laſt *Thurſday* in *October* next.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamſburg*, this ſixteenth Day of *July* in the eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

John Blair.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

By the Honourable John Blair, Eſquire; Preſident of his Majeſty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the ſaid Colony and Dominion:

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the third *Thurſday* in *October*, and whereas, I ſee no neceſſity of it convening at that time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Conſent and Advice of his Majeſty's Council, to farther prorogue them to the laſt *Thurſday* in *January* next.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamſburg*, this twentieth Day of *October* in the eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

John Blair.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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Virginia, to wit:

By His Excellency, a proclamation for Diſſolving the General Aſſembly.

Whereas the General Aſſembly ſtands prorogued to the laſt *Thurſday* in *January* next; and whereas I have thought fit, for divers conſiderations regarding his Majeſty's Service to diſſolve the ſaid Aſſembly; I have therefore, by and with the advice and conſent of his Majeſty's Council iſſued this Proclamation declaring the ſaid Aſſembly to be diſſolved and it is hereby accordingly diſſolved of which all his Majeſty's Subjects within this Colony are required to take notice. And whereas I am deſirous upon all occaſions to have the advice of a General Aſſembly for his Majeſty's Service and the good and proſperity of his ſubjects; I do hereby further publiſh and declare that I intend ſhortly to iſſue Writs[1] for the election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the new Aſſembly at ſuch time as by the advice of his Majeſty's Council ſhall be judged moſt fit and convenient.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony in *Williamſburg* this twenty ſeventh Day of *October* 1768, in the ninth year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Botetourt.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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[1] Writs were iſſued for an election to be held Friday, November 26 (Gazette Dec. 1, 1768), and Aſſembly called to meet the ſecond Monday in May, 1769.

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of the

HOUSE OF BURGESSES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the capitol, in the City of WILLIAMSBURG, on MONDAY the Eighth Day of MAY, in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1769.

On which Day, being the firſt Day of the Meeting of this General Aſſembly, for the Diſpatch of Public Buſineſs, purſuant to a Proclamation hereunto annexed, and alſo to the Writs which had iſſued for that Purpoſe, his Excellency the Right Honourable *NORBORNE*, Baron de *BOTETOURT*, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor-General of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, and Vice Admiral of the ſame, having made a Commiſſion under his Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, hereunto alſo annexed, impowering ſeveral Perſons, therein named, to adminiſter the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Members returned to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, before they go into the Houſe of Burgeſſes; ſeveral of the ſaid Commiſſioners came, about Ten of the Clock, into the Council-Chamber, where the ſaid Oaths are uſually taken; and *George Wythe*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, attending, according to his Duty, with a Book, containing a Liſt of the Names of ſuch Members as had been returned to ſerve in this General Aſſembly, delivered to him by the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, the Honourable *William Nelſon*, *Thomas Nelſon*, *Richard Corbin*, *John Tayloe*, *William Byrd*, *Robert Carter*, *Robert Burwell*, and *George William Fairfax*, Eſquires, Eight of the ſaid Commiſſioners, adminiſtered the ſaid Oaths to ſuch of the ſaid Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes as appeared: Which being done, the Members repaired to their Seats in the Houſe of Burgeſſes; after which a Meſſage was delivered by *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſq; Clerk of the General Aſſembly.

Gentlemen,

The Governor commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly the Houſe went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay to them:

"*Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*,"

"*You muſt again return to your Houſe, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.*"

And the Houſe being returned,

Archibald Cary, Eſq; one of the Members of the County of *Cheſterfield*, addreſſing himſelf to the Clerk (who, ſtanding up, pointed to him, and then ſat down) putting the Houſe in Mind of the Governor's Commands to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, propoſed the Gentleman, whoſe eminent Virtues, and known Abilities, qualified him for, and recommended him to, that important Truſt, which he diſcharged with univerſal Approbation the laſt General Aſſembly; and moved that *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq; ſhould take the Chair of the Houſe, as Speaker.

Then

Then *Edmund Pendleton*, Eſq; one of the Members for the County of *Caroline*, addreſſing himſelf likewiſe to the Clerk (who, ſtanding up, pointed to him, and then ſat down) teſtified his entire Satiſfaction, and hearty Concurrence in the Motion that had been made, the Gentleman named for the Chair having already filled it with a Sufficiency, which equalled the Expectations, and juſtified the Wiſhes of his Friend. And thereupon,

The Houſe calling Mr *Randolph* to the Chair, he was taken out of his Place by Two Members, who led him from thence to the Chair; and having aſcended the uppermoſt Step, and ſtanding there, Mr *Randolph* returned his Thanks to the Houſe for the Honour they had conferred upon him, by advancing him, a ſecond Time, to an Office of ſo much Dignity; and declared his Reſolution to perform the Duties of it with Fidelity, Diligence, and Impartiality, deſiring at all Times the Aſſiſtance of the Houſe, and their benign Interpretation of his Conduct.

And thereupon he ſat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor, to acquaint his Excellency, that this Houſe, in Obedience to his Commands, having made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleaſure, when they ſhall attend to preſent him; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do wait on him with the ſaid Meſſage.

They accordingly withdrew, and being returned, Mr *Archibald Cary*, reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend an Anſwer by a Meſſenger of his own.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr *Speaker* Elect, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber; and he was pleaſed to declare his Approbation of their Choice.

Then Mr *Speaker* did, in the Name, and on Behalf of the Houſe, lay Claim to all of their ancient Rights and Privileges, particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arreſts, and Protection for their Eſtates; and, laſtly, for himſelf, requeſted that his Errors might not be imputed to the Houſe.

The Governor anſwered, that he ſhould take Care to defend them in all their juſt Rights and Privileges.

The Houſe being returned;

Mr *Speaker* reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to approve the Choice they had made of him to be their Speaker, and to grant and allow to them, upon Petition of Claim made by him to his Excellency, in the Name, and on the Behalf of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, all their ancient Rights and Privileges; particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arreſts, and Protection for their Eſtates.

Mr *Speaker* alſo reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe; of which, Mr *Speaker* ſaid, he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker*, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*,

The King having been graciouſly pleaſed to appoint me to the high Office of his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor-General of this ancient and loyal Colony and Dominion of Virginia, *I loſt no Time in repairing to my Government, in order to enter as ſoon as poſſible upon the Execution of the important Truſt committed to my Charge; and give me Leave to aſſure you, that it is with the greateſt Satiſfaction, I have now, in Obedience to his Majeſty's Command, the Honour to meet you in General Aſſembly.*

You, Gentlemen, who know immediately the true Intereſts of the Colony, are the beſt Judges of the Meaſures neceſſary to be purſued for its Advantage and Proſperity; and the frequent Experience his Majeſty has had of your Zeal and Wiſdom, leaves no Room in the Royal Breaſt to doubt that you will give me all ſuch Advice and Aſſiſtance as may enable me

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to promote and render permanent the Happineſs of Virginia; *a ſteady Purſuit of which is the firſt and great Command of my Royal Maſter, who entertains the moſt paternal Affection for all his Subjects in every Part of his Dominions, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, and makes the general Happineſs of them all, equally the Object of his Royal Care and Attention.*

For my own Part, however conſcious I may be of Want of Ability, I ſhall not doubt, through your Counſel and Support, to be enabled to do my Duty as becomes a faithful Servant to the beſt of Sovereigns, and a moſt ſincere Friend to the Welfare of this Colony. It is to theſe Principles I am to truſt for Succeſs in my Adminiſtration, and I hope by my Actions to merit your Confidence and Affection.

It is with great Satiſfaction I have the Honour to acquaint you, that her Majeſty was laſt November *happily delivered of a Princeſs,*[1] *and both are well.*

Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, I have nothing to aſk, but that you conſider well, and follow exactly, without Paſſion or Prejudice, the real Intereſts of thoſe you have the Honour to repreſent; they are moſt certainly conſiſtent with the Proſperity of* Great-Britain, *and ſo they will for ever be found, when purſued with Temper and Moderation.*

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

It is a peculiar Felicity to me, and a great Addition to the many Honours I have received from my Royal Maſter, that I have it in Command from his Majeſty, to declare and communicate, what will be ſo honourable to this Colony, and muſt therefore be ſo agreeable to you, his gracious Intention, that, for the future, his Chief Governors of Virginia, *ſhall reſide within their Government.*

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That a moſt humble and dutiful Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, returning Thanks for his very affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion;

Expreſſing our firm Attachment to his Majeſty's ſacred Perſon and Government, and a lively Senſe of his Royal Favour, manifeſted by frequent Approbations of our former Conduct; by extending his Paternal Regard to all his Subjects however remote; and, by his gracious Purpoſe, that our Chief Governor ſhall, in future, reſide among us;

Declaring, that we eſteem, as a peculiar Mark of Attention to our Happineſs, the Appointment of his Lordſhip to preſide over this Colony; and, that his Virtues and Abilities, manifeſted ever ſince his Arrival here, are to us the firmeſt Aſſurance, that Wiſdom and Benevolence will diſtinguiſh his Adminiſtration;

Joining, in Congratulations on the Birth of another Princeſs, and the happy Reſtoration of her Majeſty's Health;

Aſſuring his Excellency, that we ſhall, with Candour, proceed to the important Buſineſs on which we are met in General Aſſembly; and that, if in the Courſe of our Deliberations, any Matters ſhall ariſe, which may in any way affect the Intereſts of *Great-Britain*, theſe ſhall ever be diſcuſſed on this ruling Principle, that her Intereſts, and Ours, are inſeparably the ſame: And, finally, offering our Prayers, that Providence, and the Royal Pleaſure, may long continue his Lordſhip the happy Ruler of a free and an happy People.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Attorney General*, and Mr *Jefferſon*.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech to the Council, and this Houſe, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that according to the Direction of the Houſe
3 laſt Seſſion of the General Aſſembly, he had written to the reſpective Speakers of the Aſſemblies and Repreſentatives on this Continent, upon the Subject of ſundry Acts of the *Britiſh* Parliament, and had received ſeveral Letters in Anſwer thereto;

And

1. Auguſta Sophia, born Nov. 4, 1768, died September 22, 1840.

And he delivered the Letters in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Letters which have paſſed between the Committee of Correſpondence, and the Agent for this Colony, for the laſt Five Years, and the Papers they refer to, to be laid before the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *King George*, no Members having been returned to ſerve for the ſaid County upon the former Writ, becauſe there was not an Officer to execute it; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* be appointed Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at 10 o'Clock.

Ordered, That *James Lavie*, *Robert Hyland*, *William Hicks*, and *John Creagh*, be appointed Door-Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

Ordered, That a Committee for Religion be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *Waring*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Wallace*, Mr *Gawin Corbin*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Attorney General*, Mr *Bolling*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Johnſton*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Burwell*, of *Glouceſter*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Henry Lee*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take under their Conſideration all Matters and Things relating to Religion and Morality, and all ſuch as ſhall be from Time to Time referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe: And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Jefferſon*, Mr *Attorney General*, and Mr *William Digges*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine, in the firſt Place, all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law, and to take into their Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion, touching Returns, Elections and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinion thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved, That in all Caſes of controverted Elections, to be heard at the Bar of this 6
Houſe, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do, by themſelves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time, to be appointed either by the Houſe, or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard ſhall be, before the Houſe, or the ſaid Committee, deliver to the ſitting Members, or their Agents, Liſts of the Perſons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting Members, giving, in the ſaid Liſts, the ſeveral Heads of Objection, and diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Names of the Voters excepted to; and that the ſitting Members do, by themſelves, or their Agents, within the ſame Time, deliver the like Liſts, on their Part, to the Petitioners, or their Agents.

Ordered, That a Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Thomas Nelſon*, Mr *William Harwood*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *John Wilſon*, of *Auguſta*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, Mr *Braxton*

Braxton, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, Mr *Richard Randolph*, Mr *Baſſett*, Mr *Robert Bolling*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Thomas Harriſon*, Mr *William Cabell*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Gawin Corbin*, Mr *Alexander*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Blagrave*, Mr *Edmunds*, Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Jefferſon*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Attorney General*, Mr *Spencer Mottrom Ball*, Mr *Robert Rutherford*, Mr *Wood*, Mr *Clayton*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Joſeph Cabell*, and Mr *Jones*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Propoſitions and Grievances that ſhall come legally certified to this Aſſembly, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and all ſuch Propoſitions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houſe, and by him to the ſaid Committee of Courſe. And the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Hamilton*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Waring*, Mr *Tebbs*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *David Maſon*, Mr *Bridger*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *Harmanſon*, Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Amelia*, Mr *James Walker*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *Parramore*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *John Wilſon*, of *Auguſta*, Mr *Trent*, Mr *Payne*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *Wallace*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *Baker*, Mr *Poythreſs*, Mr *Terry*, Mr *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr *Hite*, and Mr *Roan*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all public Claims referred from the laſt to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims as ſhall be regularly certified and preſented to this Seſſion; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe, when they have gone through the ſaid Claims, And all Perſons that have any Claims, are to deliver them to the ſaid Committee of Courſe; and they are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juſtice be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Edmunds*, Mr *Bailey*, Mr *Clayton*, Mr *Maclin*, Mr *Thomas*, Mr *Anderſon*, Mr *Talbot*, Mr *Moſeley*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *Glouceſter*, Mr *Edwards*, Mr *Howard*, Mr *Barber*, Mr *Iſaac Read*, Mr *Henry Pendleton*, Mr *George Ball*, Mr *Macon*, Mr *Scott*, Mr *Woodſon*, Mr *Lyne*, Mr *John T. Corbin*, Mr *Meade*, Mr *Taylor*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Lewis*, Mr *Peyton*, Mr *Marye*, Mr *Roan*, and Mr *Philip Ludwell Grymes*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Matters relating to Courts of Juſtice, and ſuch other Matters as ſhall, from Time to Time, be referred to them; and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee are to inſpect the Journals of the laſt Seſſion, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and report the ſame to the Houſe; and alſo examine what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion, and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring; and report the ſame to the Houſe, with their Opinions, which of them are fit to be revived and continued. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Blagrave*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *Trent*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Travis*, Mr *Lynch*, Mr *John Wilſon*, of *Norfolk*, Mr *Peter Johnſton*, Mr *Oſborne*, Mr *Coleman*, Mr *Mayo*, Mr *Green*, Mr *Scott*, Mr *Ackiſs*, Mr *Donelſon*, and Mr *Innes*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that ſhall be, from Time to Time, to them referred; and to Report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee are to have the Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That eleven of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, ſeven of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient Number to make a Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Cary* be appointed Clerk to the Committee for Religion, and the Committee of Trade; Mr *Richard Starke* Clerk to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propoſitions and Grievances; Mr *Hind Ruſſell* Clerk to the Committee of Claims; and Mr *Thomas Everard* Clerk to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections do conſider of the ancient Rules and ſtanding of the Houſe, and preſent ſuch as are fit to be continued and obſerved.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech to the Council and this Houſe, be taken into Conſideration upon *Wedneſday* next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee [8] of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Governor's Speech.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 9th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *St. George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That the ſaid Pariſh, from its Situation and Extent, is inconvenient to the Miniſter and the Inhabitants in general and that it is neceſſary to build a fourth Church, and to repair *Pamunkey* Chapel in the ſaid Pariſh, which Building and Repairs ought to be borne by the Tithables of the whole Pariſh; and praying that an Act may paſs for dividing the ſaid Pariſh, by a Line beginning at the Place where the Line of *Caroline* County croſſes the River *Po*, and running up the ſaid River to the Mouth of the Run called the *Robinſon*, and continuing thence up the ſaid River, whereon *John Mitchell's* Mill ſtands, until it interſects the Line of *Orange* County; and for ſubjecting the Tithables of the ſaid Pariſh, as it now is, to the Expences of the Building and Repairs aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of *Roger Dixon* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that *Joſeph Brock*, Gentleman, being Sheriff of the County of *Spotſylvania*, duly qualified, on the 20th Day of *October* 1768, his Honour the Preſident was pleaſed to appoint *John Carter*, Gentleman, to that Office, by Commiſſion bearing Date the Day and Year aforeſaid; that his Excellency the preſent Governor arrived in this Colony on the 25th Day of the ſame Month, in the Year aforeſaid, and notified his Arrival by Proclamation, which was known by the County Court of *Spotſylvania* aforeſaid, before the ſaid *Carter* had qualified himſelf to act under the ſaid Preſident's Commiſſion: But nevertheleſs the ſaid *Carter* took upon himſelf the ſaid Office under the ſaid Commiſſion, and having received a Writ for the Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County, proceeded in the Execution thereof till the Day before the Time appointed by him for the ſaid Election, when, and not before, the ſaid *Carter* received, and qualified under, a Commiſſion from the preſent Governor, and by virtue thereof made return of the ſaid Writ: And praying the Houſe to take the ſaid Election, which the Petitioner conceived not to have been made according to the Laws of this Colony, under their Conſideration, and, declaring the ſaid Election void, direct that new Writs may iſſue for the electing of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; [9] and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the opening and clearing the upper Part of *Pamunkey* River, in order to make it navigable for Boats and ſmall Craft to carry down Tobacco from *Crutchfield's*, *Page's* and *Meriwether's* Warehouſes, is attended with very great Expence, and is extremely burthenſome on the Petitioners, who are by Law obliged to pay for clearing and opening the ſaid River, although they receive but little Advantage, in Compariſon with the benefits which the People of other Counties derive therefrom, who bring their Tobacco to thoſe Warehouſes, invited by the high Price generally given for Tobacco paſſed at them, and who ought therefore to contribute to the Expence of opening and clearing the ſaid River; and therefore propoſing that the ſaid River may, for the future, be cleared and kept open at the Expence of the Public, or that every Perſon carrying or ſending Tobacco to the ſaid Warehouſes may be obliged to pay ſomething towards opening and clearing the ſaid River, or that ſuch Relief may be granted to the Petitioners, as the Houſe ſhall think juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Merryman Payne* and *Dale Carter*, Inſpectors at *Daviſ's* and *Loury's* Warehouſes, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth that the ſaid *Warehouſes* had been ſeveral Times broken open, and ſundry Parcels of Tobacco ſtolen thereout, although the ſaid Warehouſes were ſecured with Locks and Bars, and the Petitioners had not been guilty of the leaſt Neglect; and praying that the Loſs may be repaired by the Public, and not ſuſtained by the Petitioners.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Public Claims.

The Houſe was moved that the Order made the eighth Day of *November*, 1766, relating to Claims for taking up Runaways, might be read;

The ſame was read accordingly, *viz.*

'*Saturday*, *November* 8, 1766.

Ordered, That all Claims for taking up Runaways, ſworn to before a Magiſtrate, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims'.

Ordered and declared, That the ſaid Order be a ſtanding Order of the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Anthony Street*, Deputy Sheriff of *Lunenburg* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That in *November* laſt he provided an Horſe, worth eight Pounds, for conveying to the public Gaol *Peter Brown*, who was charged with Felony, and ordered by the Court of the ſaid County to be tried before the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer;* and that the ſaid Horſe died travelling with the Priſoner to *Williamſburg*; and that the Petitioner expended ſeven Shillings and ſix Pence in ſupporting the Priſoner during his Journey; and praying to be allowed the Value of his ſaid Horſe and his ſaid Expences.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as is ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

A *Petition* of *Robert Higginſon* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That an outlawed runaway Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, was ſurpriſed ſleeping in a Canoe in Mr *Holt's* Mill-Pond, by one *Thomas Fear*, and being unable to reſcue himſelf from the ſaid *Fear*, who endeavored to apprehend him, jumped over board into the Water, and was drowned; and praying, that he may be allowed the Value of his ſaid Slave.

Ordered

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

A *Petition* of *John Scott*, of the County of *Lunenburg*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying to be allowed the Value of his Negro Man Slave *Jack*, who was drowned whilſt he was employed in repairing a Highway, by Order of the Surveyor thereof.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin, within this Colony: And that Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Amherſt*, *Auguſta*, *Bedford*, *Cheſterfield*, *Charlotte*, *Cumberland*, *Caroline*, *Dinwiddie*, *Eſſex*, *Fairfax*, *Fauquier*, *Glouceſter*, *Hanover*, *Henrico*, *Hampſhire*, *JamesTown*, *James City*, *Iſle of Wight*, *Lunenburg*, *Lancaſter*, 11
Loudoun, *Northampton*, *Norfolk*, *Nanſemond*, *New Kent*, *Northumberland*, *Orange*, *Princeſs Anne*, *Prince George*, *Prince Edward*, *Southampton*, *Spotſylvania*, *Surry*, *Williamſburg*, and *Weſtmoreland*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Accomack*, *Amelia*, *Albemarle*, *Brunſwick*, *Buckingham*, *Charles City*, *College*, *Culpeper*, *Elizabeth City*, *Frederick*, *Goochland*, *Halifax*, *King William*, *King & Queen*, *Louiſa*, *Mecklenburg*, *Middleſex*, *Norfolk Borough*, *Pittſylvania*, *Prince William*, *Richmond*, *Stafford*, *Suſſex*, *Warwick*, and *York*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

The ſaid Reſolutions being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties in the laſt Reſolution mentioned, except the Counties of *Charles City* and *Richmond*, be amended by the Clerk at the Table. And the ſaid Returns were amended by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That the Sheriffs of the Counties of *Charles City* and *Richmond* do attend the Houſe, to amend their Returns of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for their reſpective Counties.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, Printer, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that his Salary as Printer to the Public, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and therefore humbly praying that the ſame may be further continued.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds *per Annum* be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing the Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending as many Copies to the County Court Clerks, as there are acting Juſtices in the Commiſſion, in each reſpective County, and one other (which is to be half bound) for the uſe of the Court, and Ten to the Clerks of the Courts of Huſtings in the City of *Williamſburg*, and the Borough of *Norfolk*, and printing Inſpectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and public Advertiſements.

Ordered

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; deceaſed, to ſell certain Lands for the Payment of his Debt and Legacies; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Attorney General* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 10th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

12 TWO Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration-Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hanover*, whoſe Names are there-unto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that the exhauſted State of moſt of the Lands in this Colony which had been uſed in the Cultivation of Tobacco, together with many other concurring Cauſes, makes it impoſſible to raiſe conſiderable Quantities thereof, in ſuch Perfection as is neceſſary for paſſing the Inſpections; that of late Years that Staple Commodity, to which this Colony hath owed its Proſperity, hath been much on the Decline, which hath been cauſed by the injudicious Conduct of the Inſpectors, in refuſing to paſs all ſuch Tobacco as they judge unfit for Market, which Inſpectors are often incapable of judging of, or knowing what particular Kinds of Tobacco are in Requeſt in the different Nations of *Europe*, from the Want of Information; and others of them are wilfully negligent and deſignedly unjuſt in ſentencing Tobacco to be burned, from which Judgment there is no Appeal for the Injured: And further ſetting forth, that many Inſpectors have refuſed to paſs Tobaccoes, of the moſt valuable Quality, which hath appeared by the high Prices the ſame Tobaccoes have produced in *Great Britain:* And therefore praying, in order to remedy all future Inconveniences of this Sort, as far as poſſible, and to give all due Encouragement to that very valuable Staple, now in Danger of being loſt to this Colony, that all Perſons may have the Liberty of ſhipping their own Tobacco, notwithſtanding the ſame may be refuſed at any Inſpection; and that the Petitioners may be relieved, touching the Premiſes, in ſuch Manner as the Houſe may ſee fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter and ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that from the large Extent of the Pariſh, it is not in the Miniſters Power to perform his Duty, as a Preacher, to the whole Pariſh, in ſo regular a Manner as is neceſſary; and many of the Inhabitants reſide ſo far from their Pariſh Churches, that they can but ſeldom attend Public Worſhip; from which Cauſes, Diſſenters have opportunity and Encouragement to propagate their pernicious Doctrines; and that there being now in the ſaid Pariſh two thouſand eight hundred and twenty four Tithables, which Number is expected to increaſe, the ſaid Pariſh will admit of a Diviſion, without being very burthenſome to the Inhabitants thereof; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Pariſh may
13 be divided into two Pariſhes, by a ſtraight Line, to begin at the North Fork of *Broad Run*, at an Angle made by the Line that divides the ſaid Pariſh of *Hamilton* from the Pariſh of *Dettingen*, and to end at two red Oaks on the Bank of the North Fork of *Rappahannock* River, in the Plantation of *Jeſſe Williams*, which Line would divide the ſaid Pariſh into nearly equal Parts, leaving a ſmall Majority of Tithables in the lower Part.

Ordered

Ordered, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee for Religion.

The Houſe being informed, that the Sheriff of the County of *Richmond* attended at the Door;

Ordered, That he amend the Return of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for his County in the Office; and the ſame was amended accordingly.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Saint Mark*, in the County of *Culpeper*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Glebe-Land belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, from its ſmall Quantity, and the long Time it hath been in Cultivation, is for the moſt Part worn out, and that the Proportion of it remaining uncleared is not ſufficient to ſupply Timber for Repairs, or Wood for Fewel; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs to enable the ſaid Veſtry to ſell the ſaid Glebe-Lands and purchaſe a ſufficient and more convenient one in Lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Reaſon of the great Extent of the ſaid Pariſh, which is Upwards of fifty Miles in Length, the Petitioners labour under many great and manifeſt Inconveniences, that the Petitioners at the upper End of the ſaid Pariſh being twenty Miles from any Church, ſeldom have their Children baptized, and are deprived of other Benefits enjoyed by the lower Inhabitants; that four Churches having been already built in the ſaid Pariſh, the Petitioners cannot hope another will be erected for their Conveniency, whilſt the Pariſh is undivided; that the ſaid Pariſh now contains upwards of three thouſand Tithables, and that a Line to run from the Mouth of *Muddy Creek* on *James* River, to croſs *Buckingham* Road at or near a Place called *Saint James's* thence a ſtraight Line to *Appomattox* River, will leave about fifteen hundred Tithables on each Side; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh be divided into two diſtinct Pariſhes by a Line to be run as aforeſaid, or in ſuch other Manner as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem fit.

A *Petition* of ſundry of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was alſo preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to the Houſe, for a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, and alleging the Inconveniences complained of to preceed from the Form of the Pariſh, running up *Appomattox* River in a very long and narrow Nook, many Parts of the ſaid Pariſh for twelve or fifteen Miles being not wider than ſix or ſeven Miles, and in ſome Places leſs; that a Church built in that Part of the Pariſh would be convenient to but very few, many of the Lands in that Corner being held in large Tracts by Gentlemen who live out of the County; that a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh at this Time will be very burthenſome, their Levies being generally high, from the great Numbers of their Poor and Inſolvents; that more Churches will be erected in Conſequence of a Diviſion; and that the Diſtances of the four Churches now in the Pariſh from one another do not exceed thirteen or fourteen Miles, and from the Glebe are ſuch, that the Miniſter frequently goes from Home to Church, and returns the ſame Day; and therefore praying, that the ſaid Pariſh may not be divided.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And they are referred to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of ſundry of the Inhabitants of the upper End of *Southfarnham*, in the County of *Eſſex*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners reſide ſome of them about twenty five.

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and none leſs than twenty two or twenty three Miles from the Rector of the ſaid Pariſh; that the neareſt Church to them in their own Pariſh is further from ſome of them than the upper Church in the Pariſh of *Saint Anne*, and that the Bounds of the ſaid Pariſh are unſettled; and praying, that the Petitioners may be included in the Pariſh of *Saint Anne*, by a Line from Col *Francis Waring's* Mill-Run, at the Mouth of the Road-Branch, thence up the ſaid Branch to the Head thereof; and from thence acroſs the Main Road to *Hawkin's* Branch, notwithſtanding which there will remain ſtill in the lower Pariſh about four hundred Tithables more than in the upper.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of *John Brickell* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Burgeſſes for the County of *Norfolk*, the Petitioner was a Candidate, when Mr *John Wilſon* and Mr *Thomas Newton* were returned duly elected to ſerve as Burgeſſes in the General Aſſembly for the ſaid County of *Norfolk*, although a greater Number of Freeholders voted for the Petitioner than for Mr *Newton;* and that on the Day of the Election Mr *Newton* and his Friends prevented ſeveral Freeholders from voting for the Petitioner, by offering Money, and actually giving other Things to them not to vote for him; and at the ſame Time ſeveral Friends of Mr *Newton*, in a tumultuous and riotous Manner, at the Door of the Courthouſe, hindered the Petitioner's Friends from going in and giving their Votes, as they intended; and therefore praying the Conſideration of the Houſe touching the Premiſes, and that, if it ſhall appear that the Petitioner had the moſt legal Votes, he may be declared duly elected.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of a Petition intended to be preſented to the Houſe, for dividing the ſaid County, and either making two new Counties, or, if but one, for ending the dividing Line at *Beverly Manor;* and alledging that any Diviſion of the ſaid County will be very inconvenient, and eſpecially in the Manner propoſed, and therefore praying that the ſaid County may not be divided at all, or elſe that the dividing Line may be extended to the North Branch of *James* River, making one new County only.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, praying a diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

The ſaid Reſolution, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for annexing twenty Acres of Land, whereof, *Patrick Ramſay*, Gentleman, is ſeized in Fee, to the Town of *Blandford*, in the County of *Prince George:* And that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Poythreſs*, Mr *Bolling*, and Mr *Starke* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

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A *Petition* of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; of *Lancaſter*, was read, ſetting forth, that he is ſeized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *Robert Carter*, Eſq; deceaſed, and the Will of his Father, *John Carter*, Eſq; deceaſed, of a Tract of Land, containing two thouſand Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Northfarnham*, and the County of *Richmond;* alſo of one other Tract, containing five thouſand Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun;* alſo of one other Tract, containing ſix thouſand Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, and County of *Fauquier;* alſo of one other Tract containing ſix thouſand Acres, ſituate on *Broad* Run, in the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, and County of *Prince William;* and alſo of one other Tract containing two thouſand Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Saint Mary's*, and County of *Caroline:* Part 16
of which ſaid Lands are of little value in themſelves, and the Reſidue at a very great Diſtance from Navigation, and very inconvenient to all the Petitioner's other intailed Eſtates: And further ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is ſeized in Fee Simple of a Tract of Land, containing three thouſand three hundred Acres, purchaſed by the Petitioner of the Executors of *James Littlepage*, deceaſed; alſo a Tract of five hundred Acres, purchaſed by the Petitioner of *Peter* and *Henry Terrell*, both which Tracts are contiguous to the Petitioner's Lands called *North Wales* in the County of *Hanover*, and of much greater Value than the firſt mentioned back Lands; and that it will be of great Advantage to the Heir in Tail that the intail of the ſaid Lands ſhould be docked, and the *Hanover* Lands ſettled in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* and Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of public Claims, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Merryman Payne* and *Dale Carter*, Inſpectors at *Davif's* and *Loury's* Warehouſes, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that the ſaid Petitioners ought to be allowed by the Public, at the Rate of twenty Shillings per Centum, for one thouſand ſix hundred and forty nine Pounds of Crop Tobacco, and two Pence *per* Pound for ſix hundred and ſeventy Pounds of Tranſfer, which was ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſes, amounting, in the whole, to the Sum of twenty two Pounds one Shilling and five Pence Halfpenny.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Charlotte*, and *Pariſh* of *Cornwall*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the Petitioners and others, who make no Tobacco, ſuffer grievous Oppreſſion under the Exactions of Collectors of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, who are by Law impowered do diſtrain for ſuch levies before Tranſfer Tobacco can be procured to diſcharge them; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs, aſcertaining the Price of Tobacco due for the ſaid Levies, and preventing too early Diſtreſſes, or otherwiſe relieving the Petitioners.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of the People called Mulattoes and free Negroes, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that the Wives and Daughters of the Petitioners may be exempt from the Payment of Levies.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: 17
And that they report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

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And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That the Chaplain to this Houſe attend to read Prayers at eight of the Clock every Morning.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council, to acquaint them, that the Rev. M^r *Price* is appointed Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he will attend to read Prayers, at eight of the Clock, every Morning, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r *Treaſurer* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Ordered, That M^r *Woodbridge* be added to the Committee for Religion, and to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That M^r *Glaſcock* be added to the Committee of public Claims.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to amend the Act intituled, "An Act[1] to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves;" And that M^r *Archibald Cary*, and M^r *Richard Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

M^r *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

My Lord,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, humbly beg Leave to return your Excellency our ſincere and unfeigned Thanks for your very affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion; and we do with the higheſt Satisfaction and Pleaſure embrace this firſt opportunity which has been offered us, as well for ourſelves, as in Behalf of all our Conſtituants, to congratulate your Excellency on your Appointment to this Government, and your ſafe and early Arrival.*

The Aſſurances of the Royal Favour, communicated to us through your Excellency, cannot but impreſs the Heart of every Virginian *with the moſt lively and indelible Sentiments of Duty and Affection. Permit us then, my Lord, to renew our Aſſurances to your Excellency of our moſt cordial and inviolable Attachment to his Majeſty's ſacred Perſon and Government, the real Happineſs and Proſperity of which have ever been the grand, leading Objects of our warmeſt Wiſhes.*

His Majeſty's gracious Appointment of your Lordſhip to ſo important a Station, at the ſame Time that it holds forth to the world the ſtrongeſt Evidence of your Lordship's exceeding Merit, is a recent Proof to us of his paternal Affection for this his ancient and loyal Colony.

We receive with equal Pleaſure and Gratitude the Intimation of his Majeſty's gracious Purpoſe, that his chief Governors of Virginia *ſhall in future reſide within their Government, as from hence we are perſuaded, that much Honour and many ſignal Advantages will redound to the Colony; and we do aſſure your Lordſhip, with that Sincerity which*
18 *Truth ought ever to inſpire, that we eſteem, as a peculiar Mark of the Royal Attention to our Happineſs, your Lordſhip's Appointment to preſide over us, ſince we cannot but regard the Diſplay of ſo many Virtues and Abilities, during the ſhort Time of your Reſidence as a ſure Preſage, that Wiſdom and Benevolence will eminently diſtinguiſh your Lordſhip's Adminiſtration.*

As we ſhall ever participate even of his Majeſty's domeſtic Felicity, we do very cordially congratulate your Lordſhip, as the immediate Repreſentative of the beſt of Sovereigns, on the late Birth of a Princeſs, an additional and endearing Pledge to the Britiſh *Nation and all its Connections; and it is with great Pleaſure we learn, that her Majeſty and the Royal Infant are in perfect Health.*

It is an indiſpenſable Duty which we owe to our Conſtituents, and which at preſent is ſtrongly enforced by your Lordſhip's Recommendation and Advice, that we ſhould diſpaſſionately, and with greateſt Candour, conſider the important Buſineſs upon which we are

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 135.

are now aſſembled; and we beg Leave to aſſure your Excellency, that if, in the Courſe of our Deliberations, any Matters ſhould ariſe, which may in any Sort affect Great-Britain, *they ſhall be diſcuſſed on this ruling Principle, that both our Intereſts are inſeparably the ſame.*

It only remains, my Lord, for us to offer up our moſt fervent Prayers to that Supreme Being, the Sovereign Diſpenſer of every good and perfect Gift, beſeeching him to inſpire your Lordſhip with all wiſdom, and that his Majeſty will long continue you the happy Ruler of a free and happy People.

The ſaid Addreſs being read a ſecond Time:

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen who drew up the ſaid Addreſs, do wait upon the Governor to know his Pleaſure, when this Houſe ſhall attend his Excellency, to preſent their Addreſs.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Governor's Speech;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 11th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of *Henry Kidd* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *Fortune*, a Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been committed to the Gaol of *Eſſex* County, accuſed of Felony and Burglary, was acquitted of the Burglary, the Commiſſioners of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, before whom he was 19
tried, being equally divided in their Opinions, as to his Guilt of that Crime, and was convicted of Felony, and burned in the Hand, and received corporal Puniſhment; but that by the Inclemency of the Weather, the ſaid Slave, during his Confinement in Gaol before his Trial, was ſo froſt-bitten, that, notwithſtanding extraordinary Care was taken of him, he loſt his Feet, and ſoon afterwards periſhed; and praying to be allowed the Value of the ſaid Slave, as well as a reaſonable Satiſfaction for the Trouble and Expence of endeavoring to cure him.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

A Petition of *Joſeph Ligon*, of the County of *Halifax*, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is Proprietor of a Tract of Land in the ſaid County, on the North Side of *Dan* River; and that a Ferry from thence to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side of the ſaid River, will be of Service to the Public; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to appoint a Ferry at that Place.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Brunſwick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed: *And alſo*

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Southampton*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed: *And alſo*

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Suſſex* whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed,

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Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the lately increaſed Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's Point*, *James Town*, and *Crouche's* Creek, are unreaſonable and oppreſſive; and therefore praying that the ſaid Rates may be reduced.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported to the Houſe, that the Governor having been waited on, purſuant to the Order of yeſterday, to know his Pleaſure when he would be attended by this Houſe, had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended this Day, in the Counſil Chamber, and to ſay he would acquaint the Houſe, by a Meſſenger of his own, when he was ready to receive their Addreſs.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, reported from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, that the ſaid Committee had, according to Order, inſpected the Journals of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein; and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to this Committee, That at the firſt Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly, a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying a Diviſion thereof, *alſo* a Petition in Oppoſition thereto, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; and on a Motion made, it was ordered, that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom Petitions to the ſame Effect with the above had been committed, ſhould be diſcharged from proceeding therein, and that all the ſaid Petitions be referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That an Account of *Tunſtall Banks*, Adminiſtrator, *&c.* of *William Banks*, deceaſed, for Pay as Lieutenant for 61 Days; alſo a Claim of Captain *Walter Cunningham*, for 7*£*. 10 *s.* for which a Soldier, in his Company of Militia, obtained a Judgment againſt him, in the County Court of *Auguſta:* And *alſo* a Claim of *Jacob Jackſon* for 44 Days Service, as a Soldier in Captain *Cunningham's* Company of Militia, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received, and referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

On a *Motion* made to the Houſe, it was ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be diſcharged from conſidering the Petition of *Job Pearſal*, to them committed; and that the ſaid Petition ſhould be referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

It *alſo* appears to this Committee, That at the ſecond Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly two other Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided, were preſented to the Houſe, and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a *Petition* of *John Thomas*, ſetting forth, that upon the Expedition in the year 1764, it being made known, that it was deſired a Number of Voluntiers ſhould join the King's Troops commanded by Col. *Bouquet* on that Expedition, the Petitioner did actually inliſt fourteen able Men, upon the Aſſurance that he ſhould have the Rank of an Enſign, and be equally entitled to any Advantage or Emolument which might ariſe to Officers of the ſame Rank, who ſhould enter into that Service. That the Petitioner had been informed, his Name was left out of the Liſt of Officers, who obtained an Allowance from the Houſe, by Miſtake; and praying, that the Houſe would take the ſame into their Conſideration, and make him ſuch allowance as they may think equitable.

Alſo

A *Petition* of *George Slaughter*, ſetting forth, that in the Year 1764 he entered himſelf a Voluntier to ſerve in the Expedition againſt the *Indian* Towns, under the Command of Col. *Bouquet;* that, upon its being ſignified to be the Deſire of the General Aſſembly, that a Number of the Voluntiers ſhould ſerve on Horſeback, the Petitioner furniſhed himſelf with a ſuitable Horſe for that Service; that, upon a Peace being concluded with the different Tribes of *Indians*, and a large Number of diſtreſſed Priſoners being

being delivered up, the Petitioner's Horſe was employed on their Return in carrying 21
ſome of thoſe reſtored Captives, by which Means the ſaid Horſe was loſt; that the Petitioner therefore humbly hoped this Honourable Houſe would take the ſame into Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Allowances as they might think Reaſonable, as he was actuated by Principals of public Spirit to enter into that Service, and without Expectation of receiving any Reward for his Services. *Alſo*

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Foreman*, praying that an Act may paſs to eſtabliſh a Ferry over the River *Potowmack*, from his Land in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of Lord *Baltimore*, in the Province of *Maryland*. *Alſo*

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Grubb*, of the Town of *Winchester*, ſetting forth, That in the Spring of the Year 1755 his Houſe in the ſaid Town was, by Order of Col. *Stephen*, commanding Officer of the *Virginia* Troops, then ſtationed there, taken and converted into an Hoſpital, for the Uſe of the Soldiers, who kept Poſeſſion thereof for that Purpoſe, about eight Months; and during that Time deſtroyed the Pailing of the Lot on which the Houſe ſtood entirely, and the Plaſtering of the Houſe, ripped off the Weatherboards of the Dwelling Houſe and Stable, and did the Petitioner other Conſiderable Damage, valued by Workmen to above forty Pounds, for which Sir *John St. Clair*, to whom the Petitioner delivered the Eſtimate, promiſed to procure an Allowance. But the Petitioner had never heard any Thing more of it, nor received any Satiſfaction for the uſe of his Houſe, or the Injury done him by the Soldiers; and praying the Houſe to take the Matter under Conſideration, and make him ſuitable Amends; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That upon a *Motion* made, it was ordered, that all ſuch Claims and other Matters as were referred from the firſt to the ſecond Seſſion of the laſt Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch as were certified to the ſaid ſecond Seſſion of Aſſembly, ſhould be referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying a Diviſion thereof, and *alſo* the Petition in Oppoſition thereto, and *alſo* the ſeveral Petitions of *Job Pearſall* and *Benjamin Foreman*, in the ſaid Report mentioned, be ſeverally referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, as they ſhall appear to them, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Account of *Tunſtall Banks*, Adminiſtrator, *&c.* of *William Banks*, deceaſed, and *alſo* the Claim of Capt. *Walter Cunningham*, and *alſo* the Claim of *Jacob Jackſon*, and alſo the ſeveral Petitions of *John Thomas*, *George Slaughter* and *Benjamin Grubb*, in the ſaid Report alſo mentioned, be ſeverally referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of public Claims: And that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, as they ſhall appear to them, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor, by M^r *Walthoe*.

M^r *Speaker*,

The Governor *is now ready to receive the Addreſs of your Houſe in the Council-Chamber.*

Accordingly M^r *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up; and being returned, he reported, 22
that the Houſe had attended the Governor with their Addreſs, to which his Excellency was pleaſed to give this Anſwer:

"M^r *Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, I Cordially pray for that Wiſdom which you have kindly implored the Almighty to grant me.*

My Situation calls for it, and the People of Virginia *have a Right to expect it.*

When my gracious Maſter ordered me here, he commanded me to do Juſtice, and to maintain the Rights of all his Subjects; I joyfully accepted the glorious Command, and in the Execution of it will exert honeſt Zeal, which all good Men will approve.

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His Majeſty ſhall be fully informed of your Expreſſions of Gratitude, Loyalty, and Attachment to his ſacred Perſon and Government, and ſhall be told of your Kindneſs to me."

A *Petition* of ſundry of the Inhabitants of this Colony, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the deſtructive Tendency of Inoculation with the Small-Pox; and therefore praying that no ſuch Practice may be allowed in *Virginia*.

A *Petition* of ſeveral perſons, Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Norfolk*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was alſo preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the Inconveniences from Inoculation with the Small-Pox; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for reſtraining and regulating the Practice of Inoculation.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be ſeverally referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And they are referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Mulattoes and free Negroes, praying that their Wives and Daughters may be exempted from the Payment of Levies, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, praying Relief againſt the Burthen and Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River from *Crutchfield's*, *Page's* and *Meriwether's* Warehouſes, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of *Saint Mark's* Pariſh, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that an Act may paſs to enable them to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and to purchaſe a better and more convenient Glebe, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

28 *Ordered*, That Bills be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, which have been agreed to by the Houſe: and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Manufacturers of Leather within this Colony, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of raw Hides, hitherto not ſufficiently reſtrained, is very detrimental; and praying the Houſe to take the ſame under Conſideration, and apply an adequate Remedy.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter, Veſtry, and others, Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Pariſh is very extenſive, and inconvenient to the People who reſide in the upper Parts thereof; and praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided in the Manner and upon the Terms mentioned in a Scheme to the ſaid Petition annexed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice, that ſundry Petitions had been preſented to the Houſe for dividing the ſaid County; and praying that the ſaid County may be divided by the North Branch of *James* River, up to the Mouth of *Carr's* Creek, by the ſaid Creek to the Head thereof, and thence by a ſtraight Line parallel with that which divides *Frederick* County from *Auguſta*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Joſeph Williams*, of the County of *Lunenburg*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That upwards of one hundred and fifty Pounds of the public Money, collected by the Petitioner, as Sheriff of the ſaid County, was ſtolen from him on the 12th Day of *July* 1763, although he had taken proper Care to ſecure the ſame, by which Loſs he was rendered unable to diſcharge a Balance due from him to the Treaſurer for Taxes; and praying the Houſe to allow to him the ſaid one hundred and fifty Pounds.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

Ordered, That M^r *Thomas Harriſon*, M^r *Hamilton*, and M^r *Thomſon Maſon*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of *Fielding Turner*, of the County of *Loudoun*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That being Captain of a Company of the Militia of *Fairfax* County, in 1758, and, in Obedience to an Order of his Commanding Officer, having drawn ten Men out of his Company, and one of thoſe Soldiers not being furniſhed with a Gun, the Petitioner ſupplied him with one which he impreſſed, and which was appraiſed to four Pounds; and that the Owner of the ſaid Gun commenced Suit in the County Court of *Loudoun* againſt the Petitioner, and recovered Judgment in 1767, for four Pounds, and the Coſt of Suit, and praying to be reimburſed the ſaid Sum and Coſts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Mekerrin*, in the County of *Brunſwick*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the inconvenient Situation of the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and that the Manſion Houſe thereon had been deſtroyed by Fire; and praying that the Petitioners may be impowered to ſell the ſaid Glebe, and purchaſe other Land in Lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Daniel Cargill*, of the County of *Charlotte*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a Road, convenient to Travellers, runs through the Petitioner's Land in the ſaid County, and croſſes the River *Staunton* near his Houſe, where there is no Ferry; and praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the ſaid Land of the Petitioner, over the ſaid River, to the Land of *Thomas Cobbs*, in the County of *Halifax*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Richard Jones* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a Ferry from his Land, in the County of *Halifax*, over the River *Dan*, to the Land of *Miles Selden*, Clerk, would be uſeful to the Public; and praying that an Act may paſs for appointing a Ferry at that Place.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly prohibiting the tending of Tobacco-Seconds: And that Mr *Starke*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *John Brickell*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Newton*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Norfolk*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject-Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard before the Committee, on *Tueſday* the 30th Inſtant.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitioner give to the ſitting Member, at leaſt Ten Days before the hearing of the ſaid Petition, a Liſt, in Writing, of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, diſtinguiſhing, againſt each Name, the ſeveral Heads of Exception; and that the ſitting Member do the like to the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner give to the ſitting Member, at leaſt Ten Days before the hearing of the ſaid Petition, a Liſt, in Writing, of the Perſons to whom the ſitting Member, or his Friends, gave Money, or other Things, to induce them to vote for the ſitting Member, ſpecifying the Sums of Money, and other Things, ſo given, againſt ſuch Perſons Names, as alſo the Names of the Perſons by whom the ſame was given.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitioner give to the ſitting Member, at leaſt Ten Days before the hearing of the ſaid Petition, a Liſt, in Writing, of the Perſons, who, by Tumults and Riots, interrupted the Freedom of the ſaid Election, and prevented any Perſons from voting for the Petitioner.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Religion, that they prepare and bring in a Bill for exempting his Majeſty's Proteſtant Diſſenters from the Penalties of certain Laws.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 12th of May. 9 Geo. III. 1769.

ORDERED, That Mr *Carrington* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Lee* be added to the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, "*An act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*"

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

A *Petition* of ſundry Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Charles City*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the inconvenient Situations of *Kennon's*, and *Swinyard's* Warehouſes; and praying that they may be diſcontinued, and, inſtead of them, other Warehouſes eſtabliſhed on the Lands of *Samuel Harwood* the younger, of *Wyam Oak*, on both Sides of *Queen's* Creek, under one Inſpection.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, that, in Breach of the privilege of this Houſe, Mr *Walter Coles* had charged Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, a Member of this Houſe, with having made, when he was High Sheriff of *Halifax*, in the Abſence of his Relation, who was Under-Sheriff, ſeveral falſe Entries in his ſaid Under-Sheriff's Books, and alſo having brought a Suit againſt his ſaid Deputy, for Monies which appeared by the ſaid Entries to have been received by the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry* himſelf: And alſo, that the ſaid *Walter Coles*, ſince he came to Town, told a Member of the Houſe, that a Horſe was taken out of a Paſture, and was tracked about Twenty Miles, and that Mr *Terry* was found upon the Back of the ſaid Horſe the following Day:

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, and to report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of Mr *Theodorick Bland* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Peter Poythreſs*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince George*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration ſundry Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hanover*, praying that they may be impowered to export their refuſed Tobacco, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cornwall*, and County of *Charlotte*, praying Relief againſt 27
the oppreſſive Exactions of the Collectors of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Joſeph Liggon*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, on the North Side of *Dan* River, in the County of *Halifax*, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Richard Jones*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, on the South Side of *Dan* River, in the County of *Halifax*, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Land of *Miles Selden*, Clerk, on the oppoſite Side, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Daniel Cargill*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, on the North Side of *Staunton* River, in the County of *Charlotte*, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Lands of *Thomas Cobbs*, in the County of *Halifax*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Manufacturers of Leather, within this Colony, praying Relief againſt the Expectation of raw Hides, is reaſonable.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of *Meherrin* Pariſh, in the County of *Brunſwick*, praying that they may be empowered to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and to purchaſe a better and more convenient Glebe, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Bills be brought in, purſuant to the *ſecond*, *third*, *fifth*, *ſixth*, and *ſeventh* of the ſaid Reſolutions, which have been agreed to by the Houſe; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration, ſeveral Petitions to them referred and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Robert Higginſon*, to be allowed for a Slave, who was outlawed and drowned, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 60£. for the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Henry Kidd*, to be allowed for a Slave who was committed to the Gaol of *Eſſex* County, for Felony and Burglary, and, in the Time of his Confinement, got ſo Froſt-bitten, that, notwithſtanding all neceſſary Care was uſed, he died ſoon after his Trial, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 60£. for the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Anthony Street*, to be allowed for a Horſe, which died in removing a Criminal to the public Gaol, and for his Expences upon the ſaid Criminal, in his Removal, be rejected.

The Two *firſt* Reſolutions of the Committee, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Alexander* be added to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Field*, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Runaway Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been regularly outlawed, and attempting to murder one *Shurles*, was killed by the ſaid *Shurles*, in his own Defence; and praying to be allowed the Value of the ſaid Slave.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And it is referred to the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Lyne* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Governor's Speech.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 13th of May. 9 Geo. III. 1769.

ORDERED, That Mr *Peyton*, Mr *Tebbs*, Mr *Simpſon*, and Mr *David Maſon*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Tebbs*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *David Maſon*, Mr *Read*, and Mr *Starke*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over upon *Tueſday* next.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Roger Dixon*, to them

them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, and Mr *Peter Marye*, to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Spotſylvania*, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon; and he read the Report and Reſolution in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to the *Committee*, that Mr *Joſeph Brock* was appointed Sheriff of the County of *Spotſylvania*, by Commiſſion, dated the 18th Day of *October*, 1766, and was ſworn into Office, and gave Bond for the due Execution thereof in the ſaid County Court, in or after the Month of *November* following. That a Commiſſion was iſſued by the Preſident and Commander in Chief, dated the 12th Day of *October*, 1768, appointing Mr *John Carter* to be Sheriff of the ſaid County: That his Excellency the Governor arrived in this Colony the 25th Day of that Month, and iſſued a Proclamation, dated the 26th, declaring that all Magiſtrates and Officers, civil and military, ſhould continue and remain in all and ſingular their Powers, Authority, and Juriſdictions, until further Order ſhould be taken therein. That on the 7th Day of *November* following, and not before, the ſaid *Carter* produced the Preſident's Commiſſion to the ſaid County Court, and was ſworn into Office, having entered into Bond, with Security, for the due Execution thereof; and, under that Authority, received the Writ for Election of Burgeſſes, appointed the Day of Election, and cauſed Notice thereof to be duly publiſhed. That before the Day of Election, the ſaid *Carter* received a Commiſſion to be Sheriff, from his Excellency the Governor, ordered in Council the 5th, and dated the 25th of *November*, and was duly ſworn into the ſaid Office, and the Day after ſuch Qualification, cauſed the ſaid Election to be made, and returned the fitting Members to have been then and there duly elected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Election, made in Manner aforeſaid, was legal; and that the ſitting Members are duly elected.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Word "legal," and inſerting "illegal," and by inſerting after "are," the word "not."

Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, and Mr *Marye*, withdrew.

And the ſaid Amendment was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon agreed to by the Houſe.

Then the *Queſtion* being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, that the ſaid Election, made in the Manner aforeſaid, was illegal; and that the ſitting Members are not duly elected.

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Spotſylvania*, in the room of Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, and Mr *Peter Marye*, whoſe Election was declared illegal; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, do wait on his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Theodorick Bland*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Peter Poythreſs*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this Preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Prince George;* and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned, either by the Petitioner, or ſitting Member, be examined on Oath before *William Allen*, *Walter Peter*, *James Buchanan*, and *James Belſches*, Gentlemen, or any Three of them; or, before *Neill Buchanan*, *Neill Buchanan*, Junior, *Roger Atkinſon*, and *Patrick Ramſay*, or any Three of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the ſaid Election.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner, and ſitting Member, be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before the ſame Perſons, as to the Freehold of any Perſon, who voted at the ſaid Election, although ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at the Election, or ſhall ſwear to them at the Examination: And that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons, before whom ſuch Examinations are taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quit-Rents for the Lands or Tenements, in right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depoſitions.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner give to the ſitting Member, Ten Days Notice of the Time and Place, when and where, he intends to examine his Witneſſes: Alſo a Liſt, in Writing, of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, diſtinguiſhing, againſt each Name, the ſeveral Heads of Exception; and that the ſitting Member do the like to the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject Matter of the ſaid Petition, be heard before the Committee, on *Thurſday* the Firſt Day of *June* next.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Complaint that Mr *Walter Coles* had uttered certain ſcandalous Words of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, a Member of this Houſe, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read: And the Houſe being informed, that Mr *Coles*, when he was before the ſaid Committee, had declared that he had heard other Reports againſt Mr *Terry*, than what are contained in the ſaid Complaint, equally diſadvantageous to his Reputation; and Mr *Terry*, in his Place, deſiring that Mr *Coles* might be at Liberty to lay the ſame before the ſaid Committee:

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be re-committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be re-committed to the ſame Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they receive any new Matter which Mr *Coles* ſhall offer againſt Mr *Terry*, ſo as the ſame be reduced to Writing; and that the ſaid Committee do examine the whole Matter, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, until Monday Se'nnight.

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for a Fortnight.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, from the Committee of Correſpondence, according to
81 Order, the Letters which have paſſed between the ſaid Committee, and the Agent for this Colony, for the laſt preceding Five Years, with the Papers referred to in the ſaid Letters.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters and Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Lyne* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, 'til Monday Se'nnight.

Ordered, That Mr *Read* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Moſeley* be added to the Committee of Trade.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 15th of May. 9 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of *James Burwell* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That he is ſeized in Fee-Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *James Burwell*, deceaſed, of a Tract of Land, containing Four Thouſand Eight Hundred and Eighty Acres, ſituate in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, which Lands are of mean Quality; and that it will be an Advantage to the Heir, if the Entail of the ſaid Lands ſhall be docked, and the ſame veſted in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Money ariſing from

from ſuch Sale, laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; and praying that an Act of Aſſembly may paſs for that Purpoſe:

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe being informed, that the Sheriff of the County of *Charles City*, attended at the Door:

Ordered, That he amend the Return of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for his County, in the Office: And the ſame was amended accordingly.

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Houſekeepers of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; complaining of ſundry illegal Practices, and unwarrantable Proceedings of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh; and praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſuppreſſing and preventing private Lotteries: And that Mr *Eyre* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that another Inſpection of Tobacco, in the Town of *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, would be of public Utility; and therefore praying that another Inſpection may be appointed on the Lots, numbered 171, and 172, 32
in the ſaid Town.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *American* Hemp is conſiderably depreciated by the Negligence of many Perſons who make it; and praying that an Act may paſs for the Inſpection of Hemp, in the ſame, or ſome ſuch Manner, as Tobacco is inſpected, and that Inſpectors Notes, for Hemp, may paſs in Payment, for the Diſcharge of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Governor's Speech, be diſcharged.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, conſider of the preſent State of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the preſent State of the Colony.

Ordered, That the Part of the Governor's Speech to the Council, and this Houſe, wherein his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, *I have nothing to aſk, but that you conſider well, and follow exactly, without Paſſion or Prejudice, the real Intereſts of thoſe you have the Honour to repreſent; they are moſt certainly conſiſtent with the Proſperity of* Great-Britain *and ſo they will for ever be found, when purſued with Temper and Moderation:* be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Letters received by Mr *Speaker*, in Anſwer to the Letters he had written to the reſpective Speakers of the Aſſemblies and Repreſentatives on this Continent, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Letters which have paſſed between the Committee of Correſpondence, and the Agent for this Colony, for the laſt Five Years, and the Papers referred to by them, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

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Mr *Starke* prefented to the Houfe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal the feveral Acts of Affembly now in Force, prohibiting the tending of Seconds, or Tobacco-Suckers; and the fame was received, and read the firft Time.

Refolved, That the Bill be read a fecond Time.

A *Petition* of *John Beafley*, of the County of *Buckingham*, was prefented to the Houfe, and read; fetting forth, that a Runaway Negro Women Slave of the Petitioner, having been outlawed, was difabled by a Tree which fell upon her as fhe lay hid, and afterwards was burned to Death; and praying the Houfe to make him fuch Allowance for the faid Negro, as fhall feem juft and reafonable.

Ordered, That the faid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

Ordered, That Mr *Wood*, and Mr *Edwards*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *James Walker*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Benjamin Harrifon*, Mr *Wafhington*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *Paramore*, Mr *Richard Randolph*, Mr *Nelfon*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *John Wilfon*, of *Auguſta*, and Mr *Richard Lee*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Bolling*, Mr *William Cabell*, and Mr *Richard Lee*, be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Glafcock* be added to the Committee of Courts of Juftice.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, be added to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances.

Mr *Treafurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration, Two Petitions to them referred, and had come to feveral Refolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the fame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Refolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William* praying a Diviſion thereof, is reaſonable.

Refolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, praying a Diviſion thereof, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Refolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill, or Bills, be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the Committee for Religion, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *William Mitchell*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in 1767, the Petitioner, being an Under-Sheriff of *York* County, had collected from the Inhabitants thereof, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, in Paper Money, for their Poll and Wheel-Taxes, which he intended to pay into the Hands of the Treaſurer, and thought he had effectually ſecured, by locking the ſame up in a private Drawer of a good Deſk; but, that on the Twenty-ſecond Day of *Auguſt*, in the ſame Year, ſome Perſon, or Perſons, yet undiſcovered, breaking open Two Doors of the Houſe wherein the Deſk ſtood, and likewiſe the Deſk, ſtole thereout the Money aforeſaid, which the Petitioner hath never been able to recover; and praying the Houſe to take his unfortunate Caſe into their Conſideration, and act therein as to them ſhall ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday

Tuesday, the 16th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

A Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Prieſt* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner enliſted a Voluntier in Captain *Ruffell's* Company of Militia, on the Fifteenth Day of *May*, 1764, and continued as a Soldier in the Service till the Fifteenth Day of *December* following, when he was diſcharged; and that, by ſome Miſtake, he had been allowed Pay for 151 Days only, inſtead of 215; and therefore praying an Allowance of Pay for the remaining 64 Days of his Service.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Thomas Fields*, it appears to your Committee, that on the Eleventh Day of *June*, 1768, your Petitioner obtained a legal Outlawry, under the Hands of Two Juſtices of the Peace of *Prince George* County, againſt the Runaway Slave *Shropſhire*, therein mentioned, which was publiſhed once at Two Churches in the Pariſh of *Briſtol*, but at no other in the ſaid County; and that the ſaid Slave was afterwards killed in *Glouceſter* County.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 60£. for the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Benjamin Grub*, to be allowed for the Damages he ſuſtained by the *Virginia* Troops in the Year 1755, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Thomas*, for an Allowance as a Voluntier from this Colony, under Colonel *Bouquet*, on an Expedition againſt the *Shawaneſe* and *Delaware Indians*, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 40£. as an Acknowledgement of his Merit, and the gallant Behaviour on the ſaid Expedition.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Joſeph Williams*, it appears to your Committee, by the Teſtimony of ſundry Witneſſes, that they frequently heard your Petitioner ſay, that he had been robbed of 150£. or thereabouts, which they believe to be true, from the following Circumſtances; That his Houſe, Cheſt and Trunk, where he uſually depoſited his Money, were, at the Time he firſt complained of having loſt it, broke open: That, 'til that Time, he diſcharged all Public Demands againſt him with great Punctuality; and that it does not appear, that at any Time ſince, he has laid out, or extravagantly expended any conſiderable Sum.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Complaint againſt Mr *Walter Coles*, for ſpeaking diſreſpectful Words of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, a Member of this Houſe, to them re-committed, and had agreed to a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Mr *Walter Coles* having had Notice, appeared before the Committee, and delivered in a Writing in the following Words:

"I moſt readily acknowledge I have ſaid that Colonel *Terry*, when he was Sheriff of *Halifax*, did undertake to make an Entry in the Book of *Champneſs Terry*, who was his Under-Sheriff, in his Abſence, without his Knowledge or Conſent. That the Entry was a falſe one; and, by that Entry, he did endeavor to prejudice the Character of the ſaid *Champneſs*, by accuſing him of having received Money, as his Under-Sheriff, which he had never paid to him. I alſo did tell Colonel *Terry*, in a private Converſation we had in the Morning after I came to Town, that I informed one *Ralph Jackſon*, of *Cheſterfield* County, did publickly ſay, that he loſt a Horſe out of his Paſture; that he hired Two Men to go after him; that they tracked the Horſe to the Diſtance of Twenty odd Miles; and that, when they came up with him, Colonel *Terry* was on the Back of the Horſe. And I have ſince mentioned it to others, but in ſuch Manner, that it could not poſſibly operate to the Prejudice of Colonel *Terry;* for I told them, it was only a flying Report, and, as ſuch, not to be depended upon."

Whereupon the Committee proceeded to examine ſeveral Witneſſes; and it appeared to the Committee, that in reſpect to the firſt Charge, the Words ſpoken by Mr *Coles*, were the ſame as are contained in his Acknowledgment aforeſaid: That, in reſpect to the latter the Words were the ſame as mentioned in the Information, except, that Mr *Coles* did not ſpeak the Words as of his own Knowledge, but that there was a Report to ſuch Effect.

The ſaid *Walter Coles* then informing the Committee, that he had other Charges againſt the ſaid Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, delivered in a further Writing in theſe Words:

"That Colonel *Terry*, by a falſe Repreſentation of Facts, did obtain an Order from the Court of *Halifax*, to be paid Ten Pounds out of the County Levy, for maintaining a Bridge longer, as he affirmed, than by his Agreement he was obliged to do; but that, ſome Time after it was further inquired into, and found, that ſo far from his having maintained it longer, near Two Years of the Time was to expire: Upon which the Order was reverſed.

"That Colonel *Terry*, when he was Sheriff of *Halifax*, had an Execution given him againſt *Perkins*, which Execution he returned ſerved on a Negro and the Negro run away. That it remained in that State for a conſiderable Time; and Colonel *Terry* never gave the Gentleman, who was appointed to receive the Money, and who made Application for it, although he was in the County regularly every Month, any reaſon to believe he had got One Shilling of it. At length it was diſcovered, that near Two Years before, the greateſt Part of it had been paid, and a Receipt given for it by a young Man, (*Benjamin Terry*) who, I believe, lived in the Houſe with Colonel *Terry*, and was employed as his Deputy.

"That a Suit was brought in the Court of *Halifax*, againſt Colonel *Terry*, on his Aſſumpſit, for uſing a Stray Horſe; and that a Report ſtrongly prevails, that the ſaid *Terry* agreed to pay Two Piſtoles to accommodate the Diſpute touching the ſaid Horſe.

"That I was informed Two Stray Horſes were ſeen tied at Colonel *Terry's*, and a few Days afterwards one of them was branded, either with Colonel *Terry's* Brand, or the Brand of a young Man who lived with him, was his near Relation, and who, on many Occaſions, was known to be the ſaid *Terry's* Agent.

"That in the Year 1756, or 1757, when Colonel *Terry* commanded a Ranging Company on the Frontiers, he, with his Company, and others, built Three Forts, and he promiſed that he would ſee them well paid. He has ſince been applied to for the Money, but gave for Anſwer, he could not get any for them; although it appears from the Schedule referred to, by an Act paſſed in the 32d Year of the Reign of *George* the Second, entituled, *An Act*[1] *for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes, therein mentioned*, that the ſaid *Terry* had received Money for the ſaid Services."

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that as well the ſaid *Walter Coles*, as the ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before *Clement Reade*, *Thomas Tunſtall*, *William Stokes*, and *Robert Wooding*, Gentlemen, or any Three of them, touching

[1] Hening, VII. p. 171.

touching the ſeveral Charges of the ſaid Complaint; and that they return the Depoſitions to this Committee.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Walter Coles* give to the ſitting Member, Ten Days Notice of the Time and Place, when and where he intends to examine his Witneſſes, and that the ſitting Member do the like to the ſaid *Walter Coles*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, be heard before the Committee, on *Monday* the Twelfth Day of *June* next.

The ſaid Reſolutions being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the preſent State of the Colony;

Ordered, That the Statute made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, entitled, *An Act*[1] *whereby Offences be made High Treaſon, and taking away all Sanctuaries for all Manner of High Treaſons; Alſo* one other Statute, made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the ſame King's Reign, entituled, *An Act*[2] *for the Trial of Treaſons committed out of the King's Dominions;* And *alſo* one other Statute, made in the Firſt and ſecond Years of the Reign of King *Philip*, and Queen *Mary*, Chapter the Tenth, be referred to the ſaid Committee. 37

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Blair* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Blair* reported, from the Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſole Right of impoſing Taxes on the Inhabitants of this his Majeſty's Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, is now, and ever hath been, legally and conſtitutionally veſted in the Houſe of Burgeſſes, lawfully convened according to the ancient and eſtabliſhed Practice, with the Conſent of the Council, and of his Majeſty, the King of *Great-Britain*, or his Governor, for the Time being.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to petition their Soverign for Redreſs of Grievances; and that it is lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majeſty's other Colonies, in dutiful Addreſſes, praying the royal Interpoſition in Favour of the Violated Rights of *America*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Trials for Treaſon, Miſpriſon of Treaſon, or for any Felony or Crime whatſoever, committed and done in this his Majeſty's ſaid Colony and Dominion, by any Perſon or Perſons reſiding therein, ought of Right to be had, and conducted in and before his Majeſty's Courts, held within the ſaid Colony, according to the fixed and known Courſe of Proceeding; and that the ſeizing any Perſon or Perſons, reſiding in this Colony, ſuſpected of any Crime whatſoever, committed therein, and ſending ſuch Perſon, or Perſons, to Places beyond the Sea, to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of *Britiſh* Subjects; as thereby the ineſtimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, as well as the Liberty of ſummoning and producing Witneſſes on ſuch Trial, will be taken away from the Party accuſed.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble, dutiful, and loyal Addreſs, be preſented to his Majeſty, to aſſure him of our inviolable Attachment to his ſacred Perſon and Government; and to beſeech his royal Interpoſition, as the Father of all his people, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, to quiet the Minds of his loyal Subjects of this Colony, and to avert from them, thoſe Dangers and Miſeries which will enſue, from the ſeizing and carrying beyond Sea, any Perſons reſiding in *America*, ſuſpected of any Crime whatſoever, to be tried in any other Manner, than by the ancient and long eſtabliſhed Courſe of Proceeding.

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[1] Great Britain, Statutes at Large, II. pp. 108-109 [2] *Ibid.*, II. p. 224

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolutions.

Mr *Blair* alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the preſent State of the Colony.

Ordered, That the Speaker of this Houſe do tranſmit, without Delay, to the Speakers of the ſeveral Houſes of Aſſembly, on this Continent, a Copy of the Reſolutions now agreed to by this Houſe, requeſting their Concurrence therein.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the fourth Reſolution of the Committee of the whole Houſe, this Day reported, and agreed to by the Houſe.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Blair*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Thompſon Maſon*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*.

Ordered, That Mr *Johnſton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Thurſday* Se'nnight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 17th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

ORDERED, That the Reſolutions of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, and *alſo* the Addreſs of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament aſſembled, to his Majeſty, tranſmitted to the Committee of Correſpondence, by the Agent for this Colony, in his Letters of the 16th of *December*, and 18th of *February* laſt, be printed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

Ordered, That the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, Yeſterday reported to the Houſe, and by them agreed to, be printed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

Mr *Blair* reported, from the Committee appointed Yeſterday, to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

We, your Majeſty's moſt loyal, dutiful and affectionate Subjects, the Houſe of Burgeſſes of this your Majeſty's ancient Colony of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave, in the humbleſt Manner, to aſſure your Majeſty, that your faithful Subjects of this Colony, ever diſtinguiſhed by their Loyalty, and firm Attachment to your Majeſty, and your Royal Anceſtors, far from countenancing Traitors, Treaſons, or Miſpriſon of Treaſon, are ready, at any Time, to ſacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your Majeſty's ſacred Perſon and Government.*

It is with the deepeſt Concern, and moſt heartfelt Grief, that your Majeſty's dutiful Subjects of this Colony, find that their Loyalty hath been traduced, and that thoſe Meaſures, which a juſt Regard for the Britiſh *Conſtitution (dearer to them than Life) made neceſſary Duties, have been miſrepreſented as rebellious Attacks upon your Majeſty's Government.*

When we conſider, that by the eſtabliſhed Laws and Conſtitution of this Colony, the moſt ample Proviſion is made for apprehending and puniſhing all thoſe who ſhall dare to engage in any treaſonable Practices againſt your Majeſty, or diſturb the Tranquility of Government, we cannot, without Horror, think of the new, unuſual, and permit us, with all Humility, to add, unconſtitutional and illegal Mode, recommended to your Majeſty, of ſeizing and carrying beyond Sea, the Inhabitants of America, *ſuſpected of any Crime; and of trying ſuch Perſons in any other Manner than by the ancient and long eſtabliſhed Courſe of*

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Proceeding: For, how truly deplorable muſt be the Caſe of a wretched American, *who, having incurred the Diſpleaſure of any one in Power, is dragged from his native Home, and his deareſt domeſtick Connections, thrown into Priſon, not to await his Trial before a Court, Jury, or Judges, from a Knowledge of whom he is encouraged to hope for ſpeedy Juſtice; but to exchange his Impriſonment in his own Country, for Fetters amongſt Strangers? Conveyed to a diſtant Land, where no Friend, no Relation, will alleviate his Diſtreſſes, or miniſter to his Neceſſities; and where no Witneſs can be found to teſtify his Innocence; ſhunned by the reputable and honeſt, and conſigned to the Society and Converſe of the wretched and the abandoned; he can only pray that he may ſoon end his Miſery with his Life.*

Truly alarmed at the fatal Tendency of theſe pernicious Counſels, and with Hearts filled with Anguiſh, by ſuch dangerous Invaſions of our deareſt Privileges, we preſume to proſtrate ourſelves at the Foot of your Royal Throne, beſeeching your Majeſty, as our King and Father, to avert from your faithful and loyal Subjects of America, *thoſe Miſeries which muſt neceſſarily be the Conſequence of ſuch Meaſures. After expreſſing our firm Confidence in your Royal Wiſdom and Goodneſs, permit us to aſſure your Majeſty, that the moſt fervent Prayers of your People of this Colony, are daily addreſſed to the Almighty, that your Majeſty's Reign may be long and proſperous over* Great-Britain, *and all your Dominions; and that, after Death, your Majeſty may taſte the fulleſt Fruition of eternal Bliſs, and that a Deſcendant of your illuſtrious Houſe may reign over the extended* Britiſh *Empire until Time ſhall be no more.*

The ſaid *Addreſs* being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee, in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr *Speaker* do tranſmit the ſaid Addreſs to the Agent for this Colony, with Directions to cauſe the ſame to be preſented to his Moſt Excellent Majeſty; and afterwards to be printed and publiſhed in the *Engliſh* Papers.

A *Petition* of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, reſident on the Upper Part of the North Fork of *James* River, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that ſeveral Perſons, near the Mouth of the ſaid River, do ſtretch Seines acroſs the ſame, between the Times of their Fiſhing, which in great Meaſure hinders the Fiſh from running up; and that the ſame Impediment is effected by Stops and Fiſh-Traps, at ſeveral Falls, or Rifts of Rocks, in other Parts of the ſame River; and praying the Houſe to take ſome Steps for preventing ſuch Practices.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition to them referred, of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be heard before the Committee, on *Wedneſday* the Seventh Day of *June* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Miniſter, or Clerk of the ſaid Veſtry, be ſerved with a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and have Ten Days previous Notice of the Time when the ſaid Petition is to be heard before the Committee, and that they, or either of them, give the ſame Notice to the ſaid Veſtry.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Clerk of the ſaid Veſtry, do attend the Committee at the Time aforeſaid, with the Veſtry Books relative to the Subject-Matter of the ſaid Petition.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Waugh*, Junior, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, authorized by a Warrant from the late Lieutenant Governor *Fauquier*, in the Year 1760, having enliſted one *Joſephus Philips*, as a Soldier, as he was, agreeable to his Inſtructions, marching with the ſaid *Joſephus Philips*, and other Recruits to join the *Virginia* Regiment, the ſaid *Joſephus Philips* was arreſted at the Suit of Meſſieurs *Lenox* and *Scott*, Merchants; and the Petitioner having already advanced Ten Pounds, the Bounty-Money, to the ſaid Soldier, refuſed to ſurrender him to the Civil Officer who ſerved the Writ, but delivered him to an Officer in the Regiment, in which he ſerved until he was legally diſcharged; and, that the ſaid *Lenox* and *Scott* commenced Suit, and recovered Judgment againſt the Petitioner, for their Demand againſt the ſaid *Philips*, amounting, with Coſts, to upwards of Twenty-five Pounds; and praying that he may be allowed the Ten Pounds Bounty Money, paid to the ſaid *Philips*, which he would have been reimburſed, if he had delivered up the ſaid Recruit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Talbutt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth,
41 that the Petitioner having, for the Conſideration of 1150£. purchaſed a Parcel of Land, with Two Storehouſes thereon, on the Eaſt Side of the County Gaol, in the Borough of *Norfolk*, and adjoining the public Land, laid out a Street, Twenty-ſix Feet wide, from off the ſaid Land, running from the main Street to the Creek, and leading thence, over the Bridge, to the back Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough, which is very advantageous and convenient to the Public; and that, by a Survey lately made, it being diſcovered that the Storehouſes aforeſaid are chiefly on the Public Land, the Petitioner treated with the County Court of *Norfolk*, for the Purchaſe of ſo much of the Public Land, as is ſufficient to ſecure to him his ſaid Storehouſes; and the ſaid County Court are willing, and agree that a Title may be made to him accordingly, on his paying a Conſideration for the ſame; and therefore praying this Houſe to confirm the ſaid Agreement.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration, Two Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Middleſex* County, praying that their Court Day may be altered to the Fourth Monday in every Month, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Accomack* County, praying that an Act may paſs to oblige the ſaid Inhabitants to kill, annually, a certain Number of Crows and Squirrels for each Tithable, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Bills be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to lay an additional Duty on Slaves; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Boulden* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, ſome Years ago, was directed by certain Truſtees of the Public, to deliver to ſundry Perſons a Quantity of Corn, which was provided for Relief of the People in a Time of Scarcity, in which Service the Petitioner was at conſiderable Trouble and Expence; and praying the Houſe to make him a reaſonable Allowance.

Ordered

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Brunſwick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, by the Laws now in Force, cannot diſcharge their Public, County, and Pariſh Dues, and Officers Fees, in Tobacco Notes, of any Inſpection lower down *James* River than *Cabin-Point*, which is very inconvenient to the Petitioners; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs, that all Tobacco Notes, on the Warehouſes from *Milner's*, in *Nanſemond* County, to *Bolling's Point* on *Appomattox*, may be payable for all Public, County, and Pariſh Dues, and for all officers Fees, owing from the ſaid Inhabitants. 42

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by M^r *Walthoe;*

M^r *Speaker*,

The Governor *commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council Chamber.*

Accordingly, M^r *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up to attend the Governor in the Council Chamber; where his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay to them:

"M^r *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I have heard of your Reſolves, and augur ill of their Effect: You have made it my Duty to diſſolve you; and you are diſſolved accordingly.

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Accomack	Thomas Parramore Southey Simpſon
Albemarle	Thomas Walker Thomas Jefferſon
Amelia	†Thomas Tabb John Winn
Amherſt	William Cabell, Jr. Cornelius Thomas
Auguſta	Gabriel Jones John Wilſon
Bedford	John Talbot *Charles Lynch
Botetourt	*William Preſton *John Bowyer
Brunſwick	Nathaniel Edwards, Jr. Thomas Stith
Buckingham	Joſeph Cabell Benjamin Howard
Caroline	Edmund Pendleton Walker Taliaferro
Charles City	Benjamin Harriſon William Acrill
Charlotte	Iſaac Read Paul Carrington
Cheſterfield	Archibald Cary Edward Oſborne
The College	John Blair, Jr.
Culpeper	Henry Pendleton Henry Field, Jr.
Cumberland	John Mayo Alexander Trent
Dinwiddie	Bolling Starke John Baniſter
Elizabeth City	James Wallace Wilſon Miles Cary
Eſſex	William Roane James Edmondſon.
Fairfax	George Waſhington John Weſt
Fauquier	James Scott Thomas Marſhall
Frederick	Robert Rutherford James Wood
Glouceſter	Lewis Burwell Thomas Whiting
Goochland	John Woodſon Thomas Mann Randolph
Halifax	Nathaniel Terry Walter Coles
Hampſhire	Abraham Hite James Mercer
Hanover	William Macon, Jr. Patrick Henry, Jr.
Henrico	Richard Randolph Richard Adams
Iſle of Wight	Richard Baker James Bridger
James City	Lewis Burwell Robert Carter Nicholas
Jameſtown	Champion Travis
King and Queen	William Lyne John Taylor Corbin
King George	Charles Carter William Robinſon
King William	Carter Braxton Bernard Moore
Lancaſter	Richard Mitchell Charles Carter
Loudoun	Francis Peyton James Hamilton
Louiſa	Thomas Johnſon *Richard Anderſon
Lunenburg	Thomas Pettus Lodowick Farmer
Mecklenburg	Matthew Marrable Robert Munford
Middleſex	Philip Ludwell Grymes Gawin Corbin
Nanſemond	Lemuel Riddick Benjamin Baker
New Kent	William Baſſett William Clayton
Norfolk	Thomas Newton, Jr. John Wilſon
Norfolk Borough	Joſeph Hutchings
Northampton	John Burton Severn Eyre
Northumberland	Spencer Mottrom Ball Samuel Eſkridge

*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.
†Died during the ſeſſion of Aſſembly.

Orange	James Walker Thomas Barbour	Spotſylvania	Benjamin Grymes Roger Dixon
Pittſylvania	John Donelſon Hugh Innes	Stafford	John Alexander Thomſon Maſon
Prince Edward	Thomas Scott Paſchall Greenhill	Surry	Hartwell Cocke Thomas Bailey
Prince George	Richard Bland Peter Poythreſs	Suſſex	David Maſon John Edmonds
Prince William	Henry Lee Fouſhee Tebbs	Warwick	William Harwood William Digges
Princeſs Anne	Edward Hack Moſeley, Jr. John Ackiſs	Weſtmoreland	Richard Henry Lee Richard Lee
Richmond	Robert Wormeley Carter Francis Lightfoot Lee	Williamſburg	Peyton Randolph
Southampton	Edwin Gray Henry Taylor	York	Dudley Digges Thomas Nelſon, Jr.

By his Excellency the Right Honourable Norborne Baron de Botetourt, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General of the said colony and dominion, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

Whereas, the General Assembly was summoned to meet on *Thursday* the 28th of this month, and as I find no urgent occasion for the said Assembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, by this proclamation in his Majesty's name, to prorogue the said Assembly to the 7th day of *November* next: At which time their attendance is required at the Capitol, for dispatch of public business.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Colony, at *Williamsburg*, this seventh day of *September*, 1769, and in the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the *THIRD*.

Botetourt.

His Excellency Norborne Baron de Botetourt His Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governour General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the Same.

A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

To *John Blair*, *William Nelſon*, *Thomas Nelſon*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *Phillip Ludwell Lee*, *John Taylor*, *Robert Carter*, *Preſley Thornton*, *Robert Burwell*, *George William Fairfax*, and *John Page* Eſquires.

KNOW YE that by virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me Granted by His Majeſty, I DO hereby authorize and Impower you the ſaid *John Blair*, *William Nelſon*, *Thomas Nelſon*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *Phillip Ludwell Lee*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter*, *Preſley Thornton*, *Robert Burwell*, *George William Fairfax* and *John Page* or any two of you to Adminiſter the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy the Oath appointed to be taken by an Act of Parliament made in the ſixth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty King *GEORGE* the Third entituled "An Act for altering the Oath of abjuration and the Aſſurance and for amending ſo much of an Act of the Seventh Year of Her late Majeſty Queen *ANNE*, entituled, An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms as after the Time therein limited requires the delivery of certain Liſts and Copies therein mentioned to Perſons Indicted of High Treaſon or Miſpriſion of Treaſon" as alſo the Teſt to all ſuch Perſons as are or ſhall be returned to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly as Burgeſſes as alſo to the Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes or Clerk of any of the Committees of the ſaid Houſe that ſhall be appointed during the Seſſion and to Cauſe them to Subſcribe the ſaid laſt mentioned Oath as alſo the Teſt, and to Adminiſter the Oath of Clerk to the Clerk of the ſaid Houſe and alſo to the Clerk or Clerks of Committees.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamſburg* the ſixth Day of *November*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty nine. In the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE* the Third.

Botetourt.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Williamſburg, on Tueſday, the Seventh Day of November, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1769.

On which Day, being the Firſt Day of the Meeting of this General Aſſembly for the Diſpatch of Public Buſineſs, perſuant to a Proclamation hereunto annexed, and alſo to the Writs which had iſſued for that Purpoſe, his Excellency the Right Honourable *Norborne*, Baron de *Botetourt*, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor-General of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, and Vice Admiral of the ſame, having made a Commiſſion under his Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, hereunto alſo annexed, empowering the Honourable *John Blair, William Nelſon, Thomas Nelſon, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Preſley Thornton, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax*, and *John Page*, Eſquires, to adminiſter the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Members, returned to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, before they go into the Houſe of Burgeſſes; ſeveral of the ſaid Commiſſioners came about Ten of the Clock, into the Council Chamber, where the ſaid Oaths are uſually taken; and *George Wythe*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, attending according to his Duty, with a Book, containing
2 a Liſt of the Names of ſuch Members as had been returned to ſerve in this General Aſſembly, delivered to him by the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, the ſaid Commiſſioners adminiſtered the ſaid Oaths to ſuch of the ſaid Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, as appeared: Which being done, the Members repaired to their Seats in the Houſe of Burgeſſes; after which a Meſſage was delivered by *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſq; Clerk of the General Aſſembly.

Gentlemen,

The Governor commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency immediately, in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly the Houſe went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay to them:

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

You muſt return again to your Houſe, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

And the Houſe being returned,

Archibald Cary, Eſq; one of the Members for the County of *Cheſterfield*, addreſſing himſelf to the Clerk (who, ſtanding up, pointed to him, and then ſat down) put the Houſe in Mind of the Governor's Commands to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and moved that *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq; whoſe Abilities were too well known, to require an Enlargement upon them, ſhould take the Chair of this Houſe, as Speaker; And, thereupon

Mr *Randolph* was elected without Oppoſition, and was taken out of his Place by Two Members, who led him from thence to the Chair; and, having aſcended the uppermoſt

moſt Step, and ſtanding there, Mr *Randolph* returned his Thanks to the Houſe for the very great Honour he was dignified with, in the Appointment of him to that Office, by an Aſſembly ſo juſtly and eminently diſtinguiſhed for their Love of Liberty, and for an invariable Attention to the true Intereſt of their Country; and profeſſed entire Devotion to the Service of the Houſe, and the arduous Duties of his Station, relying on the experienced Benignity of the Houſe for their Aſſiſtence, and for a favorable Interpretation of his Conduct.

And thereupon he ſat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor, to acquaint his Excellency, that this Houſe, in Obedience to his Commands, have made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleaſure, when they ſhall attend to preſent him; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, do wait on him with the ſaid Meſſage.

They accordingly withdrew, and being returned, Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend an Anſwer by a Meſſenger of his own.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker* Elect, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber; and he was pleaſed to declare his Approbation of their Choice. Then Mr *Speaker* did, in the Name, and on the Behalf of the Houſe, lay claim to all of [3] their ancient Rights and Privileges, particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arreſts, and Protection for their Eſtates; and, laſtly, for himſelf, requeſted that his Errors might not be imputed to the Houſe.

The Governor anſwered, that he ſhould take Care to defend them in all their juſt Rights and Privileges.

The Houſe being returned;

Mr *Speaker* reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to approve the Choice they had made of him to be their Speaker, and to grant and allow to them, upon Petition of Claim made by him to his Excellency, in the Name and on the Behalf of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, all their ancient Rights and Privileges; particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arreſts, and Protection for their Eſtates.

Mr *Speaker* alſo reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe; of which, Mr *Speaker* ſaid, he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I have again received the King's Commands to meet you in General Aſſembly for the Diſpatch of the Public Buſineſs of this Dominion, and I hope I need not obſerve to you that this will be beſt done by Temper and Moderation.

I aſſure you that I ſhall obey my Royal Maſter's Commands with the trueſt Satiſfaction, by concurring with you in ſuch Meaſures as may beſt promote the Happineſs of his Majeſty's Subjects in Virginia.

Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

The King having been graciouſly pleaſed at our earneſt Deſire, to refer to his Board of Trade to re-conſider the Boundary Line betwixt this Colony and the Cherokees,[1] *which had been agreed to by that Board, I am directed to acquaint you that in Conſequence of that Reference and Reconſideration, a Report has been made in Favour of a more extended Boundary, and that his Majeſty will conſent to the propoſed Alteration, upon Condition that the Colony will make Proviſion to defray the Expence of the Negotiation neceſſary for that Purpoſe.....I have it therefore in Command from his Majeſty to aſk of his Houſe*

[1] Cherokee Papers—Virginia State Library.

Houſe of Burgeſſes, to enable him to carry into immediate and compleat Execution, that very deſirable Object.

The propoſed Alteration, together with a Rate of the Expence which I am told will neceſſarily attend it, ſhall be immediately laid before you.

I muſt likewiſe beg your Attention to many alarming Reports which have been received from the Frontier Counties of this Colony: I will lay the whole before you, with a State of every Thing which has been done in Conſequence of thoſe Accounts, and ſhall be ſupremely happy if you can ſuggeſt to me any Mode of Proceeding by which the ſacred Laws of our Country may again recover that free Courſe, which can alone give Permanence and ſecurity to this reſpectable Government.

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r^ *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

I think myſelf peculiarly fortunate to be able to inform you that in a Letter dated May *the* 13^th^, *I have been aſſured by the Earl of* Hillſborough, *that his Majeſty's preſent Adminiſtration have at no Time entertained a Deſign to propoſe to Parliament to lay any further Taxes upon* America *for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue, and that it is their intention to propoſe in the next Seſſion of Parliament, to take off the Duties upon Glaſs, Paper, and Colours, upon Conſideration of ſuch Duties having been laid contrary to the true Principles of Commerce.*

It may poſſibly be objected that, as his Majeſty's preſent Adminiſtration are not immortal, their Succeſſors may be inclined to attempt to undo what the preſent Miniſters ſhall have attempted to perform; and to that Objection I can give but this Anſwer, that it is my firm Opinion that the Plan I have ſtated to you will certainly take Place, and that it will never be departed from, and ſo determined am I for ever to abide by it, that I will be content to be declared infamous, if I do not to the laſt Hour of my Life, at all Times, in all Places, and upon all Occaſions, exert every Power with which I either am or ever ſhall be legally inveſted, in order to obtain and maintain for the Continent of America *that Satiſfaction which I have been authorized to promiſe this Day, by the Confidential Servants of our Gracious Sovereign, who, to my certain Knowledge, rates his honour ſo high, that he would rather part with his Crown than preſerve it by Deceit.*

Reſolved, That a moſe humble and dutiful Addreſs be preſented to his Excelency the Governor, returning the Thanks of this Houſe for his very kind and affectionate Speech;

Declaring our moſt unalterable and inviolable Attachment to the ſacred Perſon and Government of our Royal Sovereign; expreſſing our Gratitude for his Majeſty's paternal Attention to the Proſperity and Happineſs of his *American* Subjects, in his moſt gracious Purpoſes communicated by his Lordſhip, and our firm Truſt and Confidence that the ſame Wiſdom and Goodneſs, which have already induced his Majeſty favourably to regard the humble Entreaties of his faithful and loyal Subjects in *America*, will ſtill further incline the Royal Breaſt to an Exertion of his Majeſty's moſt gracious and benign Influence, towards perfecting the Happineſs of all his People;

Aſſuring his Lordſhip that we will immediately take under our moſt ſerious Conſideration, the important Buſineſs which he hath been pleaſed to recommend; proceed in it with that Temper and Moderation, which is neceſſary to give Weight and Dignity to our Deliberations; and that we ſhall think ourſelves ſupremely happy, if, in conducting the arduous and momentous Buſineſs of this great Country, we ſhould, in the End, receive the Approbation of a Ruler we ſo very cordially honour and eſteem.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a Committee was appointed of M^r^ *Treaſurer*, and M^r^ *Edmund Pendleton.*

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech, to the Council and this Houſe, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

M^r^ *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had delivered to him a Writing, entituled, *Alteration in the Boundary Line betwixt* Virginia *and the* Cherokees, and deſired him to lay it before the Houſe.

And

And he delivered the Writing in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Writing do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* be appointed Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Nine o'Clock.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer do go to the Council, and acquaint them, that the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* is appointed Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he will attend to read Prayers, at Nine of the Clock, every Morning, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That *James Lavie*, *Robert Hyland*, *William Hicks*, and *John Creagh*, be appointed Door-Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their attendance accordingly.

Ordered, That a Committee for Religion be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Charles Carter of Lancaſter*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *Wallace*, Mr *Gawin Corbin*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Lewis Burwell* of *Glouceſter*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *John Wilſon* of *Auguſta*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Alexander*, Mr *Lewis Burwell* of *James City*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Peyton*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *David Maſon*, Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *Moore*, Mr *Mitchell*, Mr *Mayo*, Mr *Hite*, Mr *Donelſon* and Mr *Innes*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take under their Conſideration all Matters and Things relating to Religion and Morality, and all ſuch as ſhall be from Time to Time referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe: And the ſaid Committee are to have the Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed:

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Lewis Burwell* of *James City*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Charles Carter* of *Lancaſter*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Jefferſon*, Mr *William Cabell*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, 6
and Mr *Baniſter*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine in the firſt Place, all returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law, and to take into their Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion, touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe: And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved, That in all Caſes of controverted Elections to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do, by themſelves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time to be appointed, either by the Houſe, or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard ſhall be, before the Houſe, or the ſaid Committee, deliver to the ſitting Members, or their Agents, Liſts of the Perſons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting Members, giving, in the ſaid Liſts, the ſeveral Heads of Objection, and diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Names of the Voters excepted to; and that the ſitting Members do, by themſelves, or their Agents, within the ſame Time, deliver the like Liſts on their Part, to the Petitioners or their Agents.

Ordered, That a Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Lewis Burwell* of *James City*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Waſhington*, Mr *Weſt*

Weſt, Mr *John Wilſon* of *Auguſta*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Baſſett*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, Mr *Robinſon*, Mr *Charles Carter* of *Lancaſter*, Mr *William Cabell*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Thomſon Maſon*, Mr *Gawin Corbin*, Mr *Alexander*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Jefferſon*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Ball*, Mr *Wood*, Mr *Clayton*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *David Maſon*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *Read*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, Mr *Richard Baker*, Mr *Robert Wormeley Carter*, Mr *Moore*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Edwards*, Mr *Taliaferro*, Mr *Moſeley*, Mr *Roane*, Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Baniſter*, and Mr *Dixon*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Propoſitions and Grievances that ſhall come legally certified to this Aſſembly, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and all ſuch Propoſitions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houſe, and by him to the ſaid Committee of Courſe. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *David Maſon*, Mr *Bridger*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Simpſon*, Mr *Richard Baker*, Mr *Roane*, Mr *Read*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *Woodſon*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *Wallace*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *Poythreſs*,
7 Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Hite*, Mr *John Wilſon* of *Norfolk*, Mr *Edwards*, Mr *Bailey*, Mr *Ackiſs*, Mr *Oſborne*, Mr *Marable*, Mr *James Scott*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor*, Mr *Thomas Scott*, Mr *Henry Pendleton*, Mr *Barbour*, Mr *Howard*, Mr *Thomas*, and Mr *Stith*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all public Claims referred from the laſt to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims as ſhall be regularly certified and preſented to this Seſſion, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe, when they have gone through the ſaid Claims. And all Perſons that have any Claims, are to deliver them to the ſaid Committee of Courſe; and they are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juſtice be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Bailey*, Mr *Thomas*, Mr *Moſeley*, Mr *Lewis Burwell* of *Glouceſter*, Mr *Stith*, Mr *Howard*, Mr *Barbour*, Mr *Henry Pendleton*, Mr *Macon*, Mr *Woodſon*, Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, Mr *Gray*, Mr *Taylor*, Mr *Peyton*, Mr *Philip Ludwell Grymes*, Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph*, Mr *Field*, Mr *Greenhill*, Mr *Dixon*, Mr *Edmondſon*, and Mr *Marable*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Matters relating to Courts of Juſtice, and ſuch other Matters as ſhall, from Time to Time, be referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee are to inſpect the Journals of the laſt Seſſion, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and report the ſame to the Houſe; and alſo examine what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion, and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring; and report the ſame to the Houſe, with their Opinions, which of them are fit to be revived and continued. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *John Wilſon* of *Norfolk*, Mr *Oſborne*, Mr *Mayo*, Mr *Thomas Scott*, Mr *Ackiſs*, Mr *Donelſon*, Mr *Innes*, Mr *Moſeley*, Mr *Edwards*, Mr *Winn*, Mr *Benjamin Baker*, Mr *Efkridge*, Mr *Mitchell*, Mr *Pettus*, and Mr *Farmer*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that ſhall be, from Time to Time, to them referred; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That Eleven of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, Seven of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and Five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient Number to make a Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Cary* be appointed Clerk to the Committee for Religion, and the Committee of Trade; Mr. *Richard Starke* Clerk to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propoſitions and Grievances; Mr *Hind Ruſſell* Clerk to the Committee of Claims; and Mr *Thomas Everard* Clerk to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock. 8

Wednesday, the 8th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

SEVERAL other Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, and Mr *Henry*, be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Trent*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, and Mr *Henry*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Acrill* and Mr *Henry* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Trent*, and Mr *Acrill*, be added to the Committee of Trade.

Ordered, That Mr *Trent*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, and Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, and agreed upon a Report thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Accomack*, *Albermarle*, *Auguſta*, *Brunſwick*, *Caroline*, *Charles City*, *Charlotte*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Dinwiddie*, *Elizabeth City*, *Eſſex*, *Glouceſter*, *Hanover*, *James City*, *King and Queen*, *Loudoun*, *Middleſex*, *Mecklenburg*, *Northampton*, *Northumberland*, *Orange*, *Pittſylvania*, *Prince Edward*, *Prince George*, *Princeſs Anne*, *Richmond*, *Southampton*, *Stafford*, *Suſſex*, *Warwick*, and *Weſtmoreland*, and for the *College*, the Borough of *Norfolk*, and the City of *Williamſburg*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Amelia*, *Amherſt*, *Buckingham*, *Culpeper*, *Fairfax*, *Fauquier*, *Goochland*, *Hampſhire*, *Henrico*, *Iſle* of *Wight*, *King George*, *King William*, *Lancaſter*, *Louiſa*, *Nanſemond*, *New-Kent*, *Norfolk*, *Spotſylvania*, *Surry* and *York*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Your Committee further beg leave to inform the Houſe, that the Sheriff of *James City* hath made the following Return, on the Writ for electing a Burgeſs for *James-Town*, *"By Virtue of this Writ to me directed, I did make lawful Publication thereof, and did* 9 *appoint* Friday, *the eighth Day of* September, *for the Election of a Burgeſs, but was prevented attending at the Place appointed, on account of its being an uncommon rainy and bluſtering Day."*

Alſo that the Sheriff of *Halifax* hath made the following Return, on the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County.

"Upon receipt of the Writ hereunto annexed, which came to my Hands the eighteenth Day of Auguſt *laſt, I cauſed Copies thereof, endorſed with an Appointment of the Election*

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to be on Friday *the fifteenth of* September *following, at the Court-Houſe, to be delivered to the Miniſter of the Pariſh in my County, and to the ſeveral Readers at* Difficult *Church, and* Allen's *Church, on or before the* Sunday *next after I received the ſaid Writ, and at the ſame Time, ſent another Copy, with the like Endorſement, to the Reader at* Boyd's *Church; but he was not there that Day, as I was informed, and the ſucceeding* Sunday *the Miniſter attended at the laſt mentioned Church himſelf.*

"In order that the Election might be peaceably and fairly conducted, I acquainted M^r Nathaniel Terry, *M^r* Walter Coles *and M^r* Iſaac Coles, *three of the declared Candidates, and many other Perſons, a Fortnight at leaſt before the Day, that I would open the Poll by the Hour of eight of the Clock in the Morning, and explained to them my Reaſon for beginning ſo early; and deſired M^r* Terry *to inform M^r* Lewis, *the other Candidate, therewith, which M^r* Terry *ſaid he would do, if he had an Opportunity. I imagined an early Election would prevent the Confuſion and Inconvenience which attended the laſt; for that being deferred til near the Middle of the Day, by the Throng of the Electors crowding in, the Poll was ſeveral Times neceſſarily interrupted. On the Day appointed, I did not begin at Eight of the Clock preciſely, leſt I ſhould appear too exact, although Meſſieurs* Walter *and* Iſaac Coles *urged me to do ſo; but at or about Five Minutes after Nine o'Clock, I informed the Candidates, who were all preſent, that I would then open the Poll, and proceed to the Election, near Half the Electors, in my opinion, if not more, being in and about the Court Yard. M^r* Terry *aſked me why I would not wait till the uſual time? I told him that I had acquainted him with my Reaſon for beginning ſo ſoon. M^r* Lewis *ſaid he believed I had no Power to begin when I would. I anſwered, that I thought it was in my Power to begin when it appeared to be a proper Time, which I conceived that to be; and told both the Gentlemen I had no other Deſign than that the Election might be in a fair and peaceable Manner, and that I would keep the Poll open till Sunſet, if any one required it; upon which M^r* Lewis *ſeemed to be ſatiſfied, and ſaid nothing more on that Subject, as I heard, except acknowledging, that he had Notice of my Deſign to have an early Election, and that he and his Clerk were ready. M^r* Terry *then objected, that I ought to have provided a Clerk to take a Poll for him. I confeſs I had not employed any one to do that Office, the Candidates themſelves having uſually choſen their Clerks. I told M^r* Terry, *if he had deſired me, I would have provided a Clerk for him, and that, if he required me to do ſo I would then pro-*
10 *cure one, which I could eaſily have done. Several Perſons then ſaid publicly, in M^r* Terry's *hearing, that M^r* Terry's *Clerk,* John Cox, *was at the Table in the Court-Houſe, ruling the Columns in the Poll, for the Electors Names; upon which I ſaid, I would read the Writ: And having it open in my Hands for that Purpoſe, M^r* Terry *came to me, his Coat and his Waiſtcoat being ſtripped off, and his Collar Open, and holding up a large Stick, threatened to cane me, and declared, if I attempted to read the Writ, he would ſplit me down, and did aim, and endeavour ſeveral Times to ſtrike me, as I was about to read the Writ (according to what I thought my Duty) with his Stick, which, the Blows being warded off by People between us, did not touch my Perſon, that I remember, but fell upon the Writ in my Hands. Immediately after this ſuch a Tumult enſued, and the Electors were in ſuch a Temper, and ſo diſorderly, and ſome of them drank of ſpirituous Liquors to ſuch Exceſs, that I was convinced a fair Election could not have been made afterwards on that Day: And therefore I declined proceeding further."*

The ſaid *Reſolutions* and Report being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties in the laſt Reſolution mentioned, be amended by the Clerk at the Table. And the ſaid Returns were amended by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for *James Town*[1], no member having been returned to ſerve for that Town, upon the former Writ; and that M^r *Treaſurer* do wait on his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

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[1] Champion Travis.

A *Petition*[1] of Mr *Nathaniel Terry* was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of *William Hoſkins*, Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, for Miſbehaviour in his Office, on the Day appointed for the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County, and thereby preventing the Election for the ſaid County, and interrupting the Freedom thereof; and praying that the Conduct of the ſaid Sheriff, as well as the Petitioner, may be enquired into, and ſuch Steps taken thereupon as may preſerve the Freedom of Elections.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing of Burgeſſes[2] to ſerve in the preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Halifax*, no Members having been returned to ſerve for that County, upon the former Writ; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do wait on his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for annexing Twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramſay*, Gentleman, is ſeized in Fee, to the Town of *Blandford*, in the County of *Prince George;* and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Poythreſs*, Mr *Starke*, and Mr *Baniſter*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections do conſider of the ancient 11
Rules[3] and ſtanding Orders of the Houſe, and preſent ſuch as are fit to be continued, with any others which they think ought to be obſerved.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to repeal the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly prohibiting the tending of Tobacco-Seconds[4]; and that Mr *Starke*, and Mr *Baniſter*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; deceaſed, to ſell certain Lands for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act entituled "*An Act*[5] *to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves.*"[6]

A *Petition* of *Henry Kidd* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That *Fortune*, a Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been committed to the Gaol of Eſſex County, accuſed of Felony and Burglary, was acquitted of the Burglary, the Commiſſioners of Oyer and Terminer, before whom he was tried, being equally divided in their Opinions, as to his Guilt, of that Crime, and was convicted of Felony, and burned in the Hand, and received corporal Puniſhment; but that, by the Inclemency of the Weather, the ſaid Slave, during his Confinement in Gaol before his Trial, was ſo Froſt-bitten, that, notwithſtanding extraordinary Care was taken of him, he loſt his Feet, and ſoon afterwards periſhed, and praying to be allowed the Value of the ſaid Slave, as well as a reaſonable Satiſfaction for the Trouble and Expence of endeavouring to cure him.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Claims the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to be paid by the Public, to the ſaid *Henry Kidd*, for the ſaid Slave.

A *Petition* of *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he is ſeized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *Robert Carter*, Eſq: deceaſed, and the Will of his Father, *John Carter*, Eſq: deceaſed, of a Tract of Land containing Two Thouſand Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Northfarnham*

[1] Petition withdrawn.
[2] Walter Coles and Nathaniel Terry.
[3] Hening, I, p. 507; II, p. 206.
[4] *Ibid.*, I, p. 300, p. 478; II, p. 119, p. 223; III, p. 34; IV., p. 241; VI., p. 51.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 135.
[6] *Ibid*, VI., p. 256.

kam, and County of *Richmond;* alſo of one other Tract containing Five Thouſand Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Cameron*, and County of *Loudoun;* alſo of one other Tract, containing Six Thouſand Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, and County of *Fauquier*; alſo of one other Tract, containing Six Thouſand Acres, ſituate on *Broad Run*, in the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, and County of *Prince William;* and alſo of one other Tract, containing Two Thouſand Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Saint Mary*, and County of *Caroline;* Part of which ſaid Lands are of little Value in themſelves, and the Reſidue at a very great Diſtance from Navigation, and very inconvenient to all the Petitioner's other
12 entailed Eſtates: And further ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is ſeized in Fee Simple of a Tract of Land, containing Three Thouſand and Three Hundred Acres, purchaſed by the Petitioner of the Executors of *James Littlepage*, deceaſed; and alſo of a Tract of Five Hundred Acres, purchaſed by the Petitioner of *Peter* and *Henry Terrell*, both which are contiguous to the Petitioner's Lands called *North Wales*, in the County of *Hanover*, and of much greater Value than the firſt mentioned back Lands; and that it will be of great Advantage to the Heir in Tail, if the Intail of the ſaid Lands ſhall be docked, and the *Hanover* Lands ſettled in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, perſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petitioner; that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order made the Eighth Day of *November*, 1766, relating to Claims for taking up Runaways,[1] might be read.

The ſame was read accordingly, *viz.*

'*Saturday*, *November* 8, 1766.

'*Ordered*, That all Claims for taking up Runaways, ſworn to before 'a Magiſtrate, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.'

'*Ordered*, and declared, That the ſaid Order be a ſtanding Order of the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

My *Lord*,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave to return your Excellency our ſincere and unfeigned Thanks for your very kind and affectionate Speech at the opening of this Seſſion.*

It gives us great Pleaſure, that we have again the Honour of meeting your Lordſhip in General Aſſembly, as it affords us an Opportunity of renewing to your Excellency the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances of our uninterrupted and moſt inviolable Attachment to the ſacred Perſon and Government of our Royal Sovereign, and, at the ſame Time, of diſcharging the important Duties we owe to our Conſtituents.

We ſhould think ourſelves extremely deficient in Duty and Affection to the beſt of Kings, were we not deeply impreſſed with the warmeſt Sentiments of Gratitude by his Majeſty's moſt gracious Purpoſe of recommending to his Parliament a Repeal of the Act impoſing Duties upon Glaſs, Paper and Colours; eſpecially, as we cannot doubt but that the ſame Wiſdom and Goodneſs, which have already induced his Majeſty favourably to regard the humble Entreaties of his faithful Subjects in America, *will ſtill farther incline the Royal Breaſt to an Exertion of his Majeſty's gracious and benign Influence, towards perfecting the Happineſs of all his People.*

13 *It adds greatly, my Lord, to our Satiſfaction and Comfort to learn from your Excellency, that his Majeſty's preſent Adminiſtration have at no Time entertained a Deſign to propoſe to Parliament the laying any farther Taxes upon* America, *for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue; and we will not ſuffer our preſent Hopes, ariſing from the pleaſing Proſpect, your Lordſhip hath ſo kindly opened and diſplayed to us, to be daſhed by the bitter Reflection, that any future Adminiſtration will entertain a Wiſh to depart from that Plan, which affords*

[1] Acts concerning—Hening, VIII., p. 135, p. 358.

affords the ſureſt and moſt permanent Foundation of public Tranquility and Happineſs: No, my Lord, we are ſure our moſt gracious Sovereign, under whatever Changes may happen in his confidential Servants, will remain immutable in the Ways of Truth and Juſtice, and that he is incapable of deceiving his faithful Subjects; and that we eſteem your Lordſhip's Information not only as warranted, but even ſanctified by the Royal Word.

Your Lordſhip's great Regard and Attention to the Welfare and true Intereſt of this Colony had before endeared you to us all; but your generous and noble Declarations, upon this Occaſion, demand our warmeſt and moſt grateful Acknowledgments.

We will, my Lord, immediately take under our moſt ſerious Conſideration the important Buſineſs, upon which we are now aſſembled, eſpecially that Part of it, you have been pleaſed particularly to recommend; we will proceed with that Temper and Moderation, which is neceſſary to give Weight and Dignity to our Deliberations; and we do aſſure your Lordſhip, that we ſhall think ourſelves ſupremely happy, if, in conducting the arduous and momentous Affairs of this great Country, we ſhould, in the End, receive the Approbations of a Ruler, we ſo very cordially honour and eſteem.

The ſaid Addreſs being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen who drew up the ſaid Addreſs, do wait upon the Governor to know his Pleaſure, when this Houſe ſhall attend his Excellency, to preſent their Addreſs.

A *Petition* of *James Burwell* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that he is ſeized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *James Burwell* deceaſed, of a Tract of Land, containing Four Thouſand Eight Hundred and Eighty Acres, ſituate in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, which Lands are of a mean Quality; and that it will be an Advantage to the Heir, if the Intail of the ſaid Lands ſhall be docked, and the ſame veſted in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Money ariſing from ſuch Sale, laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; and praying that an Act of Aſſembly may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Robert Higginſon* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that an outlawed Runaway Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, was ſurpriſed 14
ſleeping in a Canoe in Mr *Holt's* Mill-pond by one *Thomas Fear*, and being unable to reſcue himſelf from the ſaid *Fear*, who endeavoured to apprehend him, jumped overboard into the Water, and was drowned; and praying that he may be allowed the Value of his ſaid Slave.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Public Claims the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to be paid by the Public to the ſaid *Robert Higginſon*, for the ſaid Slave.

A *Petition* of *Merryman Payne* and *Dale Carter*, Inſpectors at *Davif's* and *Loury's* Warehouſes, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Warehouſes had been ſeveral times broke open, and ſundry parcels of Tobacco ſtolen thereout, although the ſaid Warehouſes were ſecured with Locks and Bars, and the Petitioners had not been guilty of the leaſt Neglect; and praying that the Loſs may be repaired by the Public, and not ſuſtained by the Petitioners.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Public Claims the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds One Shilling and Five Pence Half-penny, to be paid by the Public to the ſaid *Merryman Payne* and *Dale Carter* for the Tobacco mentioned in their Petition to have been ſtolen.

A *Petition* of *Anthony Street*, Deputy Sheriff of *Lunenburg* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that in *November* laſt, he provided an Horſe, worth Eight Pounds, for conveying to the Public Gaol *Peter Brown*, who was charged with Felony, and ordered by the Court of the ſaid County to be tried before the Court of *Oyer*

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and *Terminer;* and that the ſaid Horſe died travelling with the Priſoner to *Williamſburg;* and that the Petitioner expended Seven Shillings and Six Pence in ſupporting the the Priſoner during his Journey; and praying to be allowed the Value of his ſaid Horſe, and his ſaid Expences.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Field*, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that a Runaway Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been regularly outlawed, and attempting to murder one *Shurles*, was killed by the ſaid *Shurles*, in his own Defence; and praying to be allowed the Value of the ſaid Slave.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Public Claims the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to be paid by the Public to the ſaid *Thomas Field* for the ſaid Slave.

A *Petition* of *Fielding Turner*, of the County of *Loudoun*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that being Captain of a Company of the Militia of *Fairfax* County, in 1758, and, in Obedience to an Order of his Commanding Officer, having drawn Ten Men out of his Company, and one of thoſe Soldiers not being furniſhed with a Gun, the Petitioner ſupplied him with one which he impreſſed, and which was appraiſed to Four Pounds; and that the Owner of the ſaid Gun commenced Suit in the County Court of *Loudoun*, againſt the Petitioner, and recovered Judgment, in 1767, For four Pounds, and the Coſts of Suit; and praying to be reimburſed the ſaid Sum and Coſts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry the Inhabitants of the County of *Charlotte*, and Pariſh of *Cornwall*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners and others, who make no Tobacco, ſuffer grievous Oppreſſion under the Exactions of the Collectors of the Public, County and Pariſh Levies, who are by Law empowered to diſtrain for ſuch Levies before Tranſfer Tobacco can be procured to diſcharge them, and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs aſcertaining the Price of Tobacco due for the ſaid Levies, and preventing too early Diſtreſſes, or otherwiſe relieving the Petitioners.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, Printer, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that his Salary as Printer to the Public, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and therefore humbly praying that the ſame may be further continued.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds per Annum be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing the Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending as many Copies to the County Court Clerks, as there are acting Juſtices in the Commiſſion, in each reſpective County, and one other (which is to be Half Bound) for the Uſe of the Court, and Ten to the Clerks of the Courts of Huſtings in the City of *Williamſburg*, and the Borough of *Norfolk*, and printing Inſpectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and public Advertiſements.

Ordered, That M^r *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Martin Shearman* and *Robert Mitchell*, Inſpectors at *Deep Creek* Warehouſe, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners had been obliged to pay to the Proprietors of Tobacco, ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, at ſundry Times, One Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds and Six Shillings; and praying to be reimburſed the ſaid Sum.

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Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Henry Siſſon* and *John Eidſon*, Inſpectors at *Cat Point* Warehouſe, in the County of *Richmond*, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners had been obliged to make good Two Thouſand and Four Hundred Pounds of Crop Tobacco, ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, and from under Prize there, to the Owners thereof, and praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock. 18

Thurſday, the 9th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ANOTHER *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported to the Houſe, that the Governor having been waited on, purſuant to the Order of Yeſterday, to know his pleaſure, when he would be attended by this Houſe, had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended this Day, in the Council-Chamber, and to ſay he would acquaint the Houſe, by a Meſſenger of his own, when he was ready to receive their Addreſs.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor is now ready to receive the Addreſs of your Houſe in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up; and being returned, he reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor with their Addreſs, to which his Excellency was pleaſed to give this Anſwer:

"Mr *Speaker*, and *Gentlemen* of the *Houſe* of *Burgeſſes*,

Your kind and affectionate Addreſs brightens my Proſpect, and fills me with the delightful Expectations of compleatly anſwering the Purpoſes of my Royal Maſter. May the Almighty ſecure to me that moſt deſirable Object, by directing your Counſels for the Advantage and Proſperity of all his Majeſty's extenſive Dominions, and may you continue a loyal, free and happy People, till Time ſhall be no more."

The Houſe was moved that Part of an Act made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, entituled, *An Act*[1] *for the better ſecuring the Payment of Levies, and Reſtraint of Vagrants, and for making Proviſion for the Poor;* might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the ſaid Act.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Archibald Cary*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *John Martin* and *James Diſhman*, Inſpectors at *Mattox* Warehouſe, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners had been obliged to pay for a Hogſhead of Crop Tobacco, weighing One Thouſand and Eighteen Pounds Nett, and Two Thouſand Pounds Weight of Tranſfer Tobacco, which were ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe; and praying to be reimburſed and relieved.

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 29.

17. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Godwin* and *John Read*, Inſpectors at *Milner's* Warehouſe, in the County of *Nanſemond*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Tobacco brought to the ſaid Warehouſe ſince their Salaries were ſettled, hath exceeded very conſiderably the Quantities uſually inſpected there before, and would probably hereafter increaſe; and therefore praying a reaſonable Allowance for their extraordinary Trouble and Expences the two laſt Years, and that their Salaries for the Time to come may be increaſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committeee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

On a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin, in Caſes of Diſtreſs for Rent, in this Colony; and that Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve of your Houſe for paying the Printer his Salary.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Talbutt* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner having, for the Conſideration of Eleven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, purchaſed a Parcel of Land, with two Storehouſes thereon, on the Eaſt Side of the County Gaol, in the Borough of *Norfolk*, and adjoining the Public Land, laid out a Street, Twenty-ſix Feet wide, from off the ſaid Land, running from the Main Street to the Creek, and leading thence, over the Bridge, to the back Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough, which is very advantageous and convenient to the Public; and that, by a Survey lately made, it being diſcovered that the Storehouſes aforeſaid are chiefly on the Public Land, the Petitioner treated with the County Court of *Norfolk* for the Purchaſe of ſo much of the Public Land as is ſufficient to ſecure to him his ſaid Storehouſes, and the ſaid County Court are willing and agree that a Title may be made to him accordingly, on his paying a Conſideration for the ſame; and therefore praying that the ſaid Agreement may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the State of the Debt due from *John Robinſon*, Eſquire, deceaſed, late Treaſurer of this Colony, to the Public, be taken into Conſideration upon *Tueſday* ſevenight.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over upon *Tueſday* ſevenight.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Amherſt*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that Proſecutions of Suits in the County Courts, held every Month, are very inconvenient,
18 and more dilatory and expenſive than they would be if thoſe Courts were held once in every third Month only, and Suits were put to iſſue and prepared for Trial at the Clerk's Offices, on Rule-Days, in the Intervals between the Courts; and therefore praying that quarterly inſtead of monthly Courts, or ſome other effectual Method to remedy the Miſchief complained of, may be eſtabliſhed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Courts for Juſtice; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Amherſt*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Sheriffs and other Collectors are by Law impowered to make Diſtreſs for Public Dues and Officers Fees, before the Petitioners, whoſe Reſidence is very remote from the Warehouſes, can get their Tobacco inſpected; and therefore praying that ſuch Dues and Fees may not be diſtrained for until the Tenth Day of *May*, and that the Officers may not be accountable for them to the Creditors until the laſt Day of *June*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that another Inſpection of Tobacco, at the Town of *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, would be very convenient to the Inhabitants of that and other Counties; and praying that ſuch Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed in the ſaid Town, and appointed on the Lots diſtinguiſhed by the Numbers 171, and 172.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice, that ſundry Petitions had been preſented to the Houſe for dividing the ſaid County; and praying that the ſaid County may be divided by the North Branch of *James River*, up to the Mouth of *Carr's Creek*, by the ſaid Creek, to the Head thereof, and thence by a ſtraight Line parallel with that which divides *Frederick* County from *Auguſta*: *And alſo*

A *Petition* of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants, of the ſaid County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of a Petition intended to be preſented to the Houſe, for dividing the ſaid County, and either making two new Counties, or, if but one, for ending the dividing Line at *Beverley Manor;* and alledging that any Diviſion of the ſaid County will be very inconvenient, and eſpecially in the Manner propoſed; and therefore praying that the ſaid County may not be divided at all, or elſe, that the dividing Line may be extended to the North Branch of *James River*, making one new County only.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions 19
and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Brunſwick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed: *And alſo*

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Suſſex*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed;

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the lately increaſed Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's Point*, *James Town*, and *Crouche's Creek*, are unreaſonable and oppreſſive; and therefore praying that the ſaid Rates may be reduced.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Saint Mark*, in the County of *Culpeper*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Glebe Land belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, from its ſmall Quantity, and the long Time it hath been in Cultivation, is for the moſt Part worn out, and that the Proportion of the ſaid Land remaining uncleared is not ſufficient to ſupply Timber for Repairs, or Wood for Fewel; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to enable the ſaid Veſtry to ſell the ſaid Glebe Land, and purchaſe, in Lieu thereof, a ſufficient and more convenient Glebe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech:

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, reſident on the upper Part of the North Fork of *James River*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that ſeveral Perſons, near the Mouth of the ſaid River, do ſtretch Seines acroſs the ſame at Times between their fiſhing or Hawling, which, in great Meaſure, hinders the Fiſh from running up; and that the ſame Impediment is affected by Stops or Fiſhſtraps, at ſeveral Falls or Rifts of Rocks, in other Parts of the ſame River; and praying the Houſe to take ſome Steps for preventing ſuch Practices.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Letters which have paſſed between the Committee of Correſpondence and the Agent for this Colony, ſince the Seventeenth Day of *May* laſt, be laid before the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be a ſtanding Order of the Houſe, that no Committee ſit to do Buſineſs, during the Time of Divine Service.

Ordered, That M^r *Ball* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

M^r *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Henry Siſſon* and *John Eidſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Cat Point* Warehouſe, in *Richmond* County, as relates to the Hogſhead of Tobacco, Nett 1131 lb. the Property of *John Gordon*, which was ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, is reaſonable, and that they ought to be reimburſed the Sum of Eleven Pounds Six Shillings and Two Pence Halfpenny for the ſame, and that that Part of the Petition relating to the Hogſhead of Tobacco ſtolen from under the Prize, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Anthony Street*, Deputy Sheriff of *Lunenburg* County, to be allowed for a Horſe, found by him to convey a Criminal to the public Gaol, which died in that Service, and for his Expences on the ſaid Criminal, in conveying him to the ſaid Gaol, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Fielding Turner*, to be reimburſed for a Judgment and Coſts, obtained againſt him for a Gun, impreſſed by him for the Uſe of the Militia, draughted in the Year 1758, and loſt, is reaſonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny, for the ſame.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Aaron Hudgin*, and *Mary* his Wife, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, in *October* 1766, traveled One Hundred and Ten Miles to *Williamſburg*, and attended the General Court two Days each, as Witneſſes for the Crown againſt *William Singleton* and *Chriſtopher Singleton*, who were indicted of Felony, and that nothing had been levied to the Petitioners for that Service; and praying that they may be now allowed for their ſaid Travelling and Attendance.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the *Pamunkey Indians* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Truſtees appointed by Act of Aſſembly to rent Part of their Lands, and apply the ſaid Rents to their Benefit, were dead, and that ſince their Death, the Petitioners

tioners were apprehenſive they had been injured by the Tenants, who would not account for the Rents; and praying proper Redreſs.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill perſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Braxton* and Mr *Moore*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 10th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

SEVERAL other Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

I am commanded by the Governor to deliver to your Houſe certain Letters to his Excellency from Colonels Adam Stephen *and* Felix Seymour, *and Copies of his Excellency's Letters to Colonel* Stephen *and the Commanding Officer of* Fort Pitt, *together with ſeveral other Papers, concerning the alarming Reports mentioned in his Excellency's Speech to have been received from the Frontier Parts of this Colony.*

And he preſented the ſaid Letters and Papers at the Bar.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters and Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, of the Sixteenth day of *May* laſt, he had tranſmitted to the Speakers of the ſeveral Houſes of Aſſembly on this Continent, Copies of the Reſolutions then agreed to by this Houſe, requeſting their Concurrence therein; and had received Letters on that Subject from the Speakers of ſeveral of the ſaid Houſes of Aſſembly, and he delivered the ſaid Letters in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Speaker* alſo acquainted the Houſe, that, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, of the Seventeenth Day of *May* laſt, he had tranſmitted the Addreſs to his Majeſty, therein mentioned, to the Agent for this Colony, with Directions to cauſe the ſame to be preſented to his Majeſty, and afterwards to be printed and publiſhed in the *Engliſh* Papers; and had received a Letter on that ſubject from the ſaid Agent; and he delivered the ſaid Letter in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, from the Committee of Correſpondence, according to Order, the Letters which have paſſed between the ſaid Committee, and the Agent for this Colony, ſince the Seventeenth Day of *May* laſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, that the ſaid Committee had, according to Order, inſpected the Journals of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to this Committee, that at the Firſt Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly, a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying a Diviſion thereof, alſo a Petition in Oppoſition, thereto, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read: And,

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on a Motion made, it was ordered that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom Petitions to the ſame Effect with the above, had been committed, ſhould be diſcharged from proceeding therein, and that all the ſaid Petitions be referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That an Account of *Tunſtall Banks*, Adminiſtrator, &c. of *William Banks*, deceaſed for Pay as Lieutenant for 61 Days; alſo a Claim of Captain *Walter Cunningham*, for 7£ 10 *s.* for which a Soldier in his Company of Militia obtained a Judgment againſt him in the County Court of *Auguſta;* and alſo a Claim of *Jacob Jackſon*, for 44 Days Service as a Soldier in Captain *Cunninghams* Company of Militia, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received, and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

On a *Motion* made to the Houſe, it was ordered, that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be diſcharged from conſidering the Petition of *Job Pearſal*, to them committed; and that the ſaid Petition ſhould be referred to the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

It *alſo* appears to this Committee, that at the ſecond Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly, Two other Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided, were preſented to the Houſe, and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a *Petition* of *John Thomas*, ſetting forth, that upon the Expedition in the Year 1764, it being made known, that it was deſired a Number of Voluntiers ſhould join the King's Troops, commanded by Colonel *Bouquet*, on that Expedition, the Petitioner did actually inliſt Fourteen able Men, upon the Aſſurance that he ſhould have the Rank of an Enſign, and be equally entitled to any Advantage or Emolument which might ariſe to Officers of the ſame Rank, who ſhould enter into that Service; that the Petitioner had been informed his Name was left out of the Liſt of Officers who obtained an Allowance from the Houſe, by Miſtake, and praying that the Houſe would take the ſame into their Conſideration, and make him ſuch Allowance as they may think equitable. *Alſo*

A *Petition* of *George Slaughter*, ſetting forth, that in the Year 1764, he entered himſelf a Voluntier, to ſerve in the Expedition againſt the *Indian* Towns, under the Command of Colonel *Bouquet*; that upon its being ſignified to be the Deſire of the General Aſſembly, that a Number of the Voluntiers ſhould ſerve on Horſeback, the Petitioner furniſhed himſelf with a ſuitable Horſe for that Service; that upon a Peace being concluded with the different Tribes of *Indians*, and a large Number of diſtreſſed Priſoners being delivered up, the Petitioner's Horſe was employed, on their Return, in carrying ſome of thoſe reſtored Captives, by which Means the ſaid Horſe was loſt; that the Petitioner therefore humbly hoped this Honourable Houſe would take the ſame into Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Allowance as they might think reaſonable, as he was actuated by Principles of Public Spirit to enter into that Service, and without Expectation of receiving any Reward for his Services. *Alſo*

23 A *Petition* of *Benjamin Foreman*, praying that an Act may paſs to eſtabliſh a Ferry over the River *Potowmack*, from his Land, in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of Lord *Baltimore*, in the Province of *Maryland*. *And alſo*

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Grubb*, of the Town of *Winchester*, ſetting forth, that in the Spring of the Year 1755, his Houſe in the ſaid Town, was, by Order of Colonel *Stephen*, Commanding Officer of the *Virginia* troops then ſtationed there, taken and converted into an Hoſpital for the Uſe of the Soldiers, who kept Poſſeſſion thereof for that Purpoſe about Eight Months, and during that Time deſtroyed the Paling of the Lot on which the Houſe ſtood intirely, and the Plaiſtering of the Houſe, ripped off the Weatherboards of the Dwelling-Houſe and Stable, and did the Petitioner other conſiderable Damage, valued by Workmen to above Forty Pounds, for which Sir *John Sinclair*, to whom the Petitioner delivered the Eſtimate, promiſed to procure an Allowance; but the Petitioner had never heard any thing more of it, nor received any Satiſfaction for the Uſe of his Houſe, or the Injury done him by the Soldiers, and praying the Houſe to take the Matter under

under Conſideration, and make him ſuitable Amends, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That upon a *Motion* made, it was ordered, that all ſuch Claims and other Matters, as were referred from the Firſt to the Second Seſſion of the laſt Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch as were certified to the ſaid Second Seſſion of Aſſembly, ſhould be referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying a Diviſion thereof, and alſo the Petition in Oppoſition thereto, and alſo the ſeveral Petitions of *Job Pearſal* and *Benjamin Foreman*, in the ſaid Report mentioned, be ſeverally referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Account of *Tunſtall Banks*, Adminiſtrator, &c. of *William Banks*, deceaſed, and alſo the Claim of Captain *Walter Cunningham*, and alſo the Claim of *Jacob Jackſon*, and alſo the ſeveral Petitions of *John Thomas*, *George Slaughter* and *Benjamin Grubb*, in the ſaid Report alſo mentioned, be ſeverally referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and, that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Daniel Cargill*, of the County of Charlotte, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Road, convenient to Travellers, runs through the Petitioner's Land in the ſaid County, and croſſes the River *Staunton*, near his Houſe, where there is no Ferry; and praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed upon the ſaid Land of the Petitioner, over the ſaid River, to the Land of *Thomas Cobbs*, in the County of *Halifax*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, whoſe names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and 24
read, ſetting forth, that the opening and clearing the upper Part of *Pamunkey* River, in order to make it navigable for Boats and ſmall Craft to carry down Tobacco from *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and *Meriwether's* Warehouſes, is attended with very great Expence, and is extremely burthenſome to the Petitioners, who are by Law obliged to pay for clearing and opening the ſaid River, although they receive but little Advantage, in Compariſon with the Benefits which the People of other Counties derive therefrom, who bring their Tobacco to thoſe Warehouſes, invited by the high Price generally given for Tobacco paſſed at them, and who ought, therefore, to contribute to the Expence of opening and clearing the ſaid River; and therefore propoſing, that the ſaid River may, for the future, be cleared and kept open at the Expence of the Public, or that every Perſon, carrying or ſending Tobacco to the ſaid Warehouſes, may be obliged to pay ſomething towards opening and clearing the ſaid River, or that ſuch Relief may be granted to the Petitioners as the Houſe ſhall think juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Return of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Halifax*, alſo the Petition of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, relative to the ſaid Return, to them referred, and having heard, as well the Sheriff of the ſaid County, as the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry*, and examined ſeveral Witneſſes thereupon, had agreed to a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions; and he read the Report and Reſolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your Committee by the Evidence of *George Lyne*, that as the ſaid *George* was going to *Halifax* Court-Houſe on the Day appointed for the Election, in Company with Mr *William Hoſkins*, the High Sheriff, the ſaid *Hoſkins* mentioned, that he had

had appointed the Hour of Eight in the Morning to open the Poll, but ſhould not do it until Nine o'Clock, leſt People ſhould ſuſpect him of Partiality to Mr *Walter Coles*, who was a Candidate for the ſaid County.

That his Reaſon for appointing ſo early an Hour as Eight o'Clock was, to give the Candidates the Opportunity of a fair Election, for at the preceding Election there was ſo great Confuſion and Irregularity as to occaſion the Poll to be frequently ſtopped.

That in the ſame Converſation the ſaid *Hoſkins* frequently declared he had not aſked, even one of his Neighbours, how they intended to vote? but that the Day before, having ſeen the Son of one *Younger*, Nephew to the ſaid *Hoſkins*, he enquired of him who his Father propoſed to vote for; and the ſaid *Younger* replied, that he believed that his Father intended to vote for the Two old Ones; then, ſaid *Hoſkins*, if that is the Caſe, tell him to ſtay at Home, or he may as well ſtay at Home, but which the ſaid *Lyne* does not certainly recollect.

That from the frequent Diſcourſes which paſſed between the ſaid *Hoſkins* and *Lyne*, concerning the Election, the ſaid *Lyne* verily believes, that although *Hoſkins* had often declared to him that Mr *Coles* was his Friend, ſtill from the ſaid *Hoſkins* frequent Declarations that he intended a fair Election, and had for that End appointed ſo early an Hour as Eight of the Clock, the ſaid *Lyne* is ſatiſfied he intended nothing more.

That the ſaid *Lyne* and *Hoſkins* got to the Court-Houſe about Three Quarters after Eight, when they were met by Mr *Walter Coles*, who obſerved to the ſaid *Hoſkins* that the appointed Time of beginning the Election was paſt, to which *Hoſkins* replied, he ſhould open the Poll preſently.

That ſoon after, Colonel *Lewis*, another Candidate, came up, and told the ſaid *Hoſkins* that he had no Right to open the Poll until the uſual Hour, and that his Friends were at a great Diſtance, 20 and 30 Miles, and could not poſſibly get there ſo ſoon; to which *Hoſkins* made Anſwer, you have all had Notice; it is in my Power to open the Poll when I pleaſe, and I ſhall do ſo preſently; but to prevent any Objections of Unfairneſs I will keep the Poll open till Sun-ſet; which Declaration he frequently repeated. That Colonel *Terry* at the ſame Time made the ſame Objections that Colonel *Lewis* had done, and the ſaid *Lyne* left them diſputing upon that Point.

That ſome Time after this, the ſaid *Lyne* heard ſome Perſon ſay the Poll was to be opened, and obſerving many People preſſing to the Court-Houſe, he followed them, and as ſoon as he got to the Door, he could not but be ſurpriſed to ſee Colonel *Terry* ſtripped, with his Coat and his Waiſt-coat off and his Collar unbuttoned, ſhaking his Cane over the ſaid *Hoſkin's* Head, ſaying, as well as the ſaid *Lyne* can recollect, the Words "*that he would be damned if he ſhould read the Writ yet,*" to which the ſaid *Hoſkins* replied, "*He would be damned if he did not,*" Colonel *Terry* then ſaid if he perſiſted in reading the Writ, "*he would be dammed if he did not cane him:*" Whereupon the ſaid *Hoſkins* raiſed the Writ in order to read it, when the ſaid *Terry* made a Stroke at the ſaid *Hoſkins* with his, Stick, which was caught by a Standerby.

The ſaid *Hoſkins* then aſked if he had no Under Sheriff nigh, but no Anſwer being given, the ſaid *Hoſkins* turned about and ſaid if he could not open the Poll when he pleaſed, there ſhould be no Election that Day.

That after this Interruption, Mr *Coles* came up and told the ſaid *Hoſkins*, if he was hindered in the Execution of his Office he knew what kind of Return to make, and if the ſaid *Terry* wanted to Cane any Perſon, let him cane him; which Words the ſaid *Lyne* believes the ſaid *Terry* did not hear, as he did not then take any Notice of them; but ſome Time after, ſeeing them together on the Bench in the Court-Houſe, he judged from their Countenances and the Sound of high Words between them, they were quarrelling.

That within 20 or 30 Minutes after the Diſpute between the ſaid *Terry* and *Hoſkins*, the ſaid *Terry* ſaid he was then ready to proceed to polling, but the ſaid *Hoſkins* was not preſent; though ſeveral People had Notice of the ſaid *Terry's* Propoſal, and were enquiring for the ſaid *Hoſkins*.

That the ſaid *Lyne* remembers to have ſeen Four Clerks at the Table within the Court-Houſe, immediately after the Diſpute; and that Mr *John Cox*, who was ſaid to be employed

employed to take the ſaid *Terry's* Poll, was one of them; and that he had numbered 130 or 131 at the Top of the Columns, as it was reported.

That at this Time there appeared to be Half the Inhabitants of the County collected together, ſome of whom were intoxicated, but the Generality of them peaceably diſpoſed, *Moſes Terry* only having his Collar unbuttoned.

It appears alſo to your Committee by the Evidence of *Epaphroditus White*, that when he came to the Court-Houſe on the Day appointed for the Election, Colonel *Terry* applied to him to keep his Poll, to which he anſwered that being requeſted by the High Sheriff to conduct the Election, he could not oblige him.

That ſome Time after, meeting with one of the other Deputies, and informing him of the ſaid *Terry's* Application, he made Anſwer that he was too unwell to conduct the Election, and that he, the ſaid *White*, muſt do it himſelf; whereupon the ſaid *White* ſent a Meſſage to the ſaid *Terry* by his Son, not to rely on the ſaid *White* to take his Poll.

That a ſhort Time after, the ſaid *White* met with the High Sheriff *Hoſkins*, who told the ſaid *White* he depended upon him to conduct the Election, and delivered him the Writ; and whilſt the ſaid *White* had it in his Hand, the ſaid *Terry* walked up and told the ſaid *Hoſkins*, if he opened the Poll, he would uſe him very ill, for he, the ſaid *Terry*, was not provided with a Clerk.

That the ſaid *Hoſkins* then went away, when the ſaid *Terry* obſerved to the ſaid *White* his great regard for him, and adviſed him as a Friend, not to read the Writ, but return it to the ſaid *Hoſkins*, which he accordingly did.

Then the ſaid *Hoſkins* having taken back the Writ, Mr *Coles* came up and ſaid to *Hoſkins* that he, the ſaid *Coles* had come at the appointed Time and was ready to proceed to Polling, which he hoped would be done directly; but the ſaid *Terry* again objected to it, alleging that it was not the uſual Hour, and that he had no Clerk. Mr *Coles* then ſaid he would indemnify the ſaid *Hoſkins* for opening the Poll at that Time of Day.

That Mr *Hoſkins* declared he would open the Poll, and if required by either of the Candidates keep it open till Sun-ſet, and deſired they would repair to the Court-houſe which they all did, the ſaid *White* going directly to the Sheriffs Box, in order to do his Duty; but turning himſelf about, he obſerved Colonel *Terry* ſtripped with his Cane in his Hand.

That immediately after, the ſaid *Hoſkins* came up to the Door, when the ſaid *Terry* ſaid to him "*Damn you, will you uſe me ill?*" Or words to that Purpoſe; to which *Hoſkins* replied, "*I intend to uſe no Man ill.*" *Terry* then ſaid, he had no Clerk, but ſhould have one in a little Time, and aſked the ſaid *Hoſkins* if he was determined to read the writ?

Hoſkins replied, I am. Upon which the ſaid *Terry* declared if he did, he would be damned if he did not Cane him. Why then, ſaid *Hoſkins*, I will be damned if I don't, and cane away, the Writ being then in the ſaid *Hoſkin's* Hand. Upon which the ſaid *Terry* moved one Hand towards the Writ, and raiſed his Stick with the other, which was caught by *Moſes Terry*.

That Mr *Coles* ſaid to the ſaid *Hoſkins*, if you are interrupted in the Duty of your Office, you know what to do.

That after this Altercation the ſaid *Hoſkins* left the Court-houſe, and upon his going away Mr *Coles* ſaid if Colonel *Terry* had a mind to cane any Man, let him cane him; ſoon after which, he ſaw the ſaid *Terry* on the Bench in the Court-houſe.

That before the Diſpute between the ſaid *Terry* and *Hoſkins*, he, the ſaid *White*, ſaw the ſaid *Terry's* Clerk, *John Cox*, writing, or obſerved that he had written ſome Words on the Top of the Poll, but where the ſaid *Cox* was, at the Time of the Diſpute, he does not know.

That from the Temper and general Behavior of the People, the ſaid *White* believes the Election might have been made with the ſame Eaſe and Regularity after the Diſpute, as before; and that the People were nearly half come together from all Parts of the County.

That the Majority of Mr *Cole's* Friends live nearer the Court-houſe than the Majority of the ſaid *Terry's*, but he, the ſaid *White*, does not know whether there were more of them then preſent or not.

That

That the ſaid *Terry* applied to Two other Perſons, beſide the ſaid *White*, to take his Poll.

That after the Diſpute between the ſaid *Terry* and *Hoſkins*, and the ſaid *Terry's* going upon the Bench, and propoſing to proceed to the Election, ſeveral Perſons were acquainted with it, and enquired whether any Election was to be made, or not? To which the ſaid *White* replied, he ſhould follow Mr *Hoſkin's* Directions, when given him.

That the ſaid *Hoſkins* requeſted the ſaid *White* to give the People Notice of the Time he had appointed to begin the Election, which the ſaid *White* did to thoſe within his Diſtrict, but the ſaid *Terry* denied to the ſaid *White*, that he had any Notice of it before.

That the ſaid *White's* Diſtrict is the lower End of the County, wherein both Mr *Coles* and Colonel *Terry* reſide, but the ſaid *White* believes Mr *Terry's* principle Intereſt lies without that Diſtrict, as it appeared ſo at the preceding Election.

The ſaid *White* further ſaith, Mr *Hoſkins* never deſired him to make intereſt for any particular Candidate.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry*, in obſtructing Mr *Hoſkins* the Sheriff, in the Execution of his Duty, is guilty of a high Offence, and Breach of the Privileges of the People.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of Mr *Terry's* Petition as charges Mr *Hoſkins* with Partiality in the Execution of his Office, in Regard to the ſaid Election, ought to be further heard before the Committee, on *Friday* the Fifteenth Day of *December* next.

The *firſt* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Word 'high.'

And the Queſtion being put thereupon, that the Word propoſed to be left out, ſtand Part of the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Then the ſaid *Reſolution* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

28 The ſubſequent *Reſolution* being read, a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this Houſe, to anſwer for his Offence, and Breach of the Privileges of the People, in obſtructing Mr *Hoſkins* in the Execution of his Office of Sheriff, when he was about to open the Poll for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Halifax*.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, '*An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*'

A *Petition* of ſundry of the Inhabitants of the Upper End of *Southfarnham* Pariſh, in the County of *Eſſex*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners reſide, ſome of them about 25, and none leſs than 22 Miles from the Rector of the ſaid Pariſh; that the neareſt Church to them, in their own Pariſh, is further from ſome of them than the Upper Church in the Pariſh of *Saint Anne;* and that the Bounds of the ſaid Pariſh are unſettled; and praying that the Petitioners may be included in the Pariſh of *Saint Anne*, by a Line from Colonel *Francis Warring's* Mill-run, at the Mouth of the Road-Branch, up the ſaid Branch to a marked Black Oak, at the Head thereof, from thence running South 60 Degrees Weſt to the main Road, and thence South 47 Degrees Weſt to a ſmall Perſimon and Maple, at the Head of a Branch of *Hawkinſ's* Run, notwithſtanding which there will remain ſtill in the lower Pariſh about 400 Tithables more than in the Upper.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with the Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Nathaniel Terry*, now in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; aſſuring the Houſe, that it gives him the deepeſt Concern to have fallen under their Diſpleaſure; and humbly hoping, that, in Conſideration of human Frailty, he may be forgiven, as his Conduct happened under the Influence of much Paſſion, ariſing from ſtrong Reaſons to apprehend Partiality and Unfairneſs in the Sheriff.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry* be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of *Amherſt*, *Charlotte*, and *Prince Edward* Counties, praying Relief againſt the oppreſſive Exactions of the Collectors of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry 29
Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, praying that an Act may paſs to prevent the Erecting of Stops, or Traps for Fiſh, in the North Fork of *James* River, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Hampton*, in *Elizabeth City* County, praying that an Act may paſs to prevent Hogs running at large in the ſaid Town, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Bills be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſundry of the Inhabitants of this Colony, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth the deſtructive Tendency of Inoculation for the Small-Pox, and therefore praying that no ſuch Practice may be allowed in *Virginia*. *Alſo*,

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Norfolk*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth the Inconveniences from Inoculation for the Small-Pox, and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for reſtraining and regulating the Practice of Inoculation.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be ſeverally referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Claims do levy, in the Book of Claims, on Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, the Expences accrued on the Matter of Complaint againſt him, for obſtructing the *Halifax* Election.

The Houſe was informed that Mr *Nathaniel Terry* deſired to withdraw his Petition, praying that the Conduct of the Sheriff of *Halifax*, on the Day appointed for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County, might be enquired into.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry* be at Liberty to withdraw his ſaid Petition.

A *Petition* of the People, called Mulattoes and Free Negroes, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that the Wives and Daughters of the Petitioners may be exempt from the Payment of Levies.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Manufacturers of Leather within this Colony, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that the Exportation of raw Hides, hitherto not ſufficiently reſtrained, is very detrimental; and praying the Houſe to take the ſame under Conſideration, and apply an adequate Remedy.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

30 A *Petition* of *William Ramſay* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that a Horſe, belonging to the Petitioner, died of Fatigue, in carrying a Criminal to the Public Gaol, and therefore praying to be allowed the Value of the ſaid Horſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Meherrin*, in the County of *Brunſwick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth the inconvenient Situation of the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and that the Manſion Houſe thereon had been deſtroyed by Fire; and therefore praying that the Petitioners may be impowered to ſell the ſaid Glebe, and, in Lieu thereof, purchaſe other Land, and make Improvements thereon, out of the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that Officers Fees, due in the County of *Loudoun*, from Perſons, not reſident there, are payable at a higher Rate than thoſe which become due from the Inhabitants of the ſaid County; and therefore praying that all Officers Fees, ariſing in the ſaid County of *Loudoun*, for Services done for the Inhabitants of any other County, may be diſcharged at the ſame Rates, as if they reſided in the ſaid County of *Loudoun*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, 11th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

UPON a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for preventing and ſuppreſſing private Lotteries; and that M^r *Eyre* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Fiſher*, the younger, of the County of *Northampton*, was pre-
31 ſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *Philip Fiſher*, of the ſaid County, deceaſed, was, in his Life-time, ſeized in Fee Simple of a Tract of Land, containing about 800 Acres, in the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the ſaid County, and being ſo ſeized, by his laſt Will and Teſtament in Writing, bearing Date the 9^th Day of *December*, in the Year of our Lord 1701, deviſed the ſaid Land to his Son *John Fiſher*, and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten; and that after the Death of the ſaid *Philip Fiſher*, the ſaid *John Fiſher* entered into the ſaid Tract of Land, and died ſeized thereof, leaving Iſſue a Son named

named *Maddox*, who having entered into the ſaid Tract of Land, died ſeized thereof, leaving Iſſue the Petitioner, now ſeized of the ſaid Tract of Land, as Tenant in Fee Tail; and further ſetting forth, that it would be greatly for the Advantage of the Petitioner and his Poſterity, if the Intail of about 405 Acres, Part of the ſaid Tract of Land, were docked, and Slaves of equal or greater Value ſettled in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for docking the Intail of the ſaid 405 Acres of Land, and veſting the ſame in the Petitioner in Fee Simple; and in Lieu thereof annexing Ten Slaves, named in the Petition, and ſaid to be of greater value, to the Reſidue of the ſaid Tract of Land in Fee Tail.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and Mr *Eyre* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of the Veſtry, and others, of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the county of *Northampton*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the *Gingaſkin* tributary *Indians*, amounting to about 30 Men, Women, and Children, are poſſeſſed of and inhabit 600 Acres of valuable Land, in the ſaid Pariſh and County, which they neglect to cultivate, and cannot diſpoſe of; and that the Tithable Perſons of the ſaid Pariſh are burthened with maintaining ſuch of the ſaid *Indians* as become ſick and diſabled, which Expence the Petitioners think it juſt and equitable they ſhould be relieved of by the Profits of the ſaid Land, as the Poſſeſſors thereof by Law are not inliſted as Tithables, and ſo are exempt from the Payment of Levies; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs, impowering the Church wardens of the ſaid Pariſh, with the Veſtry, to make Leaſes of ſuch Portion of the ſaid Land under reaſonable Proviſos and Reſtrictions, as that the Rents may be of Value ſufficient to defray the aforeſaid Expence.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, that the Committee had, according to Order, examined what Laws have expired, and inſpected ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read; and the Reſolutions of the Committee are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 27th Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second intituled, '*An Act*[1] *for the Encouragment and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Miſſiſſippi;* and of the ſubſequent Acts, for continuing and amending the ſame, as relates to the impoſing, collecting, and accounting for an additional Duty on Slaves, and the Taxes on Wheel Carriages, Ordinary Licenſes, and Original Proceſs, which will expire on the 14th Day of *February* next, ought not to be further continued. 32

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for continuing the Act for appointing an Agent, and two other Acts therein mentioned*, which will expire on the 14th Day of *April*, 1771, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, '*An Act*[3] *for further continuing the Act, for reducing the ſeveral Acts, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act*,' which will expire on the 8th Day of *June* next, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Fifth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[4] *to continue an Act*,' intituled, '*An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*,' which will expire on the 20th Day of *June* next, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 417.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 113.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 37, 189, 334.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 38, 190, 335.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[1] *to continue and amend an Act, for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers,*' which will expire on the 20th Day of *April* next, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[2] *to continue an Act,*' intituled, '*An Act to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty,*' which will expire on the 20th Day of *April* next, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[3] *for amending and further continuing an Act, for the more effectual keeping the Public Roads and Bridges in Repair,*' which will expire on the 11th Day of *April*, 1772, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[4] *to continue an Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees,*' which will expire on the 11th Day of *April* next, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[5] *for continuing an Act,*' *intituled*, '*An Act for increaſing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed,*' which will expire on the 1ſt Day of *June* next, ought to be further continued.

33 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[6] *for appointing a Treaſurer,*' which will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[7] *for further continuing the Act,*' *intituled*, '*An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms,*' which will expire on the 1ſt Day of *October*, 1771, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[8] *for further continuing and amending the Act,*' *intituled*, '*An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*' which will expire on the 12th Day of *April* next, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[9] *to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia,*' which will expire at the End of the Seſſion to be held after the 11th Day of *April*, 1771, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee, being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *ſecond* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, poſtponed.

The *third* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *fourth* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereunto, by adding at the End thereof theſe Words, '*with Amendments.*'

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 190.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 191
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 192.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 197.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 200.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 211.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 298.
[8] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 209.
[9] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 241.

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution ſo amended, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[1] *to continue an Act*,' *intituled*, '*An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*,' which will expire on the 20th Day of *June* next, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The *fifth*, *ſixth*, *ſeventh* and *eighth* Reſolutions of the Committee being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *ninth* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereto, by adding at the End thereof theſe Words, '*with Amendments*.'

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution ſo amended, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[2] *for continuing an Act*,' *intituled* '*An Act for increaſing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed*,' which will expire on the 1ſt Day of *June* next, ought to be further continued, with Amendments. 34

The *tenth* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *eleventh* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereto, by adding at the End thereof theſe Words, '*with Amendments*.'

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution ſo amended, that the Act of Aſſembly made in the Eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[3] *for further continuing the Act*,' *intituled*, '*An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*,' which will expire on the 1ſt Day of *October*, 1771, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The *twelfth* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereto, by adding at the End thereof theſe Words, '*with Amendments*.'

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution ſo amended, that the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act*[4] *for further continuing and amending the Act*,' *intituled*, '*An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*,' which will expire on the 12th Day of *April* next, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The ſubſeqent *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, perſuant to the *third*, *ninth*, *tenth* and *twelfth* Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which have been agreed to by the Houſe; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, purſuant to the *fourth*, *ſeventh*, and *thirteenth* Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which have been agreed to by the Houſe; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 190.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 200.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 298.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 299.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, purſuant to the *fifth*, *ſixth*, and *eighth* Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which have been agreed to by the Houſe; and that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who were ordered to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, '*An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*,' that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the *eleventh* of the ſaid Reſolutions, which hath been agreed to by the Houſe.

35 A *Petition* of the Merchants and Traders of the Town of *Alexandria*, and County of *Fairfax*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that great Quantities of Rum, which is free of Duty in *Maryland* and *Pennſylvania*, are run from thoſe Colonies into the remote Counties of this Colony, to the Diſcouragement of Trade, and Diminution of the Revenue ariſing from the Duty impoſed on that Liquor here; and therefore praying the Houſe to put the Petitioners on a Footing with their Neighbour Coloniſts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Amherſt*, to them referred, praying that, inſtead of the Monthly Courts now held, Quarterly Courts, or ſome other Method of expediting the Trials of Suits, with leſs Expence and Inconvenience in the Counties, may be eſtabliſhed; and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolution; and that the Committee of Courts of Juſtice do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying that the ſame may be divided into two diſtinct Counties, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the ſaid County, in Oppoſition thereto, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, praying Relief againſt the Burthen and Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River from *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and *Meriwether's* Warehouſes, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Middleſex* County, praying that their Court Day may be altered to the Fourth *Monday* in every Month, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Accomac* County, praying that an Act[2] may paſs to oblige the ſaid Inhabitants to kill, annually, a certain Number of Crows and Squirrels for each Tithable, is reaſonable.

36 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Mulattoes and Free Negroes, praying that their Wives and Daughters may be exempted from the Payment of Levies, is reaſonable.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 389.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the *firſt*, *third*, *fourth*, *fifth* and *ſixth* Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had delivered to him, and deſired him to lay before the Houſe, a Letter his Excellency had received from Colonel *Adam Stephen*, relative to *John Ingham*, who is accuſed of having been concerned in the Murder of an *Indian*.

And the ſaid Letter was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Fauquier*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are deprived of a providential and plentiful Supply of Fiſh, by Griſt-Mills, Hedges and Stops obſtructing their Paſſage in the River *Hedgman* and *Carter's* Run; and praying Redreſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Religion, that they prepare and bring in a Bill for granting Toleration to his Majeſty's Subjects, being Proteſtant Diſſenters.

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Houſekeepers of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; complaining of ſundry Illegal Practices, and unwarrantable Proceedings of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh; and therefore praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Martin Shearman* and *Robert Mitchell*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Deep Creek* Warehouſe in *Lancaſter* County, as relates to the Tranſfer Tobacco, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be reimburſed the Sum of 59£. for the ſame; and that the other Part of the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Martin* and *James Diſhman*, Inſpectors of tobacco at *Mattox* Warehouſe in *Weſtmoreland* 37
County, to be reimburſed for the Tobacco therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of 10£. 3*s*. 7*d*. for the Crop, and the further Sum of 17£. 10*s*. for the Tranſfer Tobacco.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Thomas Godwin* and *John Reed*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Milner's* Warehouſe in *Nanſemond* County, as prays an allowance to be made them for the extraordinary Services therein mentioned, be rejected; and that the other Part of the ſaid Petition, praying their Salaries may be increaſed, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who were ordered to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, '*An Act*[1]

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms,' and that they have power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the third Reſolution.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the bad Condition of the Roads from the Mountains to the Town of *Alexandria;* and praying the Houſe to take the Matter into Conſideration, and deviſe some Method for making the Roads more uſeful.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Munford*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Richard Randolph*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Munford* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Munford*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Richard Randolph*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Marable*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Burton* be added to the Committee of Trade.

Ordered, That Mr *Burton*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Farmer* and Mr *Pettus* be added to the Committee of Courts of Juſtice.

And then the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 13th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for dividing the County of *Auguſta*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

38 Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for altering the Court Day of *Middleſex* County; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent Hogs running at Large in the Town of *Hampton*.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* be directed to cauſe the Sum of 50£. to be laid out in ſuitable Goods, in order that the ſame may be given to the *Indians* now in Town.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do provide a Stove, to be placed in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *American* Hemp is conſiderably depreciated by the Negligence and ill Management of many Perſons who make it; and praying that an Act may paſs for the Inſpection of Hemp, in the ſame, or ſome ſuch Manner, as Tobacco is inſpected; and that Inſpectors Notes for Hemp may paſs in Payment, for the Diſcharge of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do lay before the Houſe an Account of the Arrears due from the ſeveral Sheriffs, ſince the Tenth Day of *October*, 1755, to this Time, together with an Account of the Judgments that have been obtained againſt them, and the Executions that have iſſued in Conſequence of thoſe Judgments.

The Houſe being informed that Satisfaction had been made by Mr *Nathaniel Terry* for the Expences incurred on Examination of the Complaint againſt him for obſtructing

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the Election of Members, to ſerve in the preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Halifax;*

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Claims be diſcharged from proceeding to levy the ſaid Expences on the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry*.

A *Petition* of *John Waugh*, junior, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, authorized by a Warrant from the late Lieutenant Governor *Fauquier*, in the Year 1760, having enliſted one *Joſephus Phillips*, a Soldier, as he was, agreeably to his Inſtructions, marching with the ſaid *Joſephus Phillips*, and other Recruits, to join the *Virginia* Regiment, the ſaid *Joſephus Phillips* was arreſted at the Suit of Meſs. *Lenox* and *Scott*, Merchants; and the Petitioner having already advanced 10£. the Bounty Money, to the ſaid Soldier, refuſed to ſurrender him to the Civil Officer, who ſerved the Writ, but delivered him to an Officer in the Regiment, in which he ſerved until he was legally diſcharged; and that the ſaid *Lenox* and *Scott* commenced Suit, and recovered Judgment againſt the Petitioner for the Money due to them from the ſaid *Phillips*, amounting, with Coſts, to upwards of 25£. and praying that he may be allowed the 10£. Bounty Money, paid to the ſaid *Phillips*, which would have been reimburſed if the ſaid Recruit had been delivered up.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Freeholders of the County of *Buckingham*, whoſe Names 39
are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are ſubject to intolerable Grievances from the exceſſive Power of Inſpectors, who may abſolutely condemn Tobacco, brought to the Warehouſes, without Appeal; and of whom ſome have been detected in fraudulent Practices, and all are under a Temptation to be rigorous, from the Danger of ſuffering themſelves, if they determine favourably for the Planter's Intereſt; and farther ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are in a worſe Condition than Perſons reſiding near the navigable Waters, who have no Evil to apprehend to the Grain they make, but from Inclemency of Seaſons, and whoſe Tobacco, though of meaner Quality than what is refuſed at the Upper Warehouſes, is generally paſſed at the Lower; whereas Tobacco made in remote Parts of the Country, which is almoſt the only Commodity that can be carried from thence to Market with Advantage, when brought to the Inſpection with much Fatigue, undergoes a more ſevere Examination, and, from unavoidable Accidents in its Tranſportation, and various other Cauſes, is often totally rejected, or conſiderably diminiſhed, to the very great Detriment, and ſometimes utter Ruin of the Owners; and therefore praying that the Authority of Inſpectors may be modified; and that refuſed Tobacco may be ſold under certain Regulations and Reſtrictions, or that the Petitioners may be otherwiſe relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several other Members, one of whom was returned upon a new Writ, have taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Places in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Edwards* and *James Price*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Gray's* Creek Warehouſe, in the County of *Surry*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that ſometime between the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Days of *July* laſt, the ſaid Warehouſe was broken open, and one Hogſhead of Tobacco, belonging to the Eſtate of Mr *Edward Ambler*, deceaſed, weighing Twelve Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Nett, ſtolen out, for which the Petitioners had been obliged to pay the Sum of 13£. 13s. 10d. of Current Money; and therefore praying the Houſe to make the Petitioners ſuch Allowance as ſhall ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Spottſylvania*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that Crops of Tobacco are now more incertain, from a Change in the Seaſons of late Years, and from the exhauſted State of the Lands in general, than formerly they were; and that the Inſpectors are too ſcrupulous in paſſing that Commodity, from the Danger they are ſubject to by a Review, whereby the Colony ſuſtains a conſiderable Loſs, ſince large Quantities of Tobacco, which are condemned and burned, might be ſold to great Advantage; and therefore praying that Inſpectors may be obliged to give Receipts for all Tobacco brought to the Warehouſes, and refuſed to be paſſed, diſtinguiſhing the Qualities of it, and that the Owners may be at Liberty to ſell it in a reaſonable Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Grymes* and Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph* be added to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Fairfax* County, praying that all Officers Fees, due from the Inhabitants of any other County, for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, may be diſcharged in Money for Tobacco, at the Rate of 12*s.* 6*d.* for the Hundred Weight, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Fauquier* County, praying that the Owners of Mills, Hedges, and Stone Stops, erected on the River *Hedgman*, and *Carter's* Run, in the ſaid County, may make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Veſtry and Inhabitants of *Hungar's* Pariſh, in the County of *Northampton*, praying that an Act may paſs to impower the Church-Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh to leaſe ſo much of the Lands belonging to the *Gingaſkin* Tribe of *Indians*, ſituate in the ſaid Pariſh, as will be ſufficient to defray the Expence of maintaining ſuch of the ſaid *Indians* as ſhall be ſick and diſabled, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Benjamin Foreman*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed, from his Land, on the *Potowmack* River, in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of the Right Honourable the Lord *Baltimore*, in the Province of *Maryland*, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the firſt Reſolution; and that the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the ſecond and fourth Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the third Reſolution; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe was moved, that an Act made in the 22d Year of the Reign of King. *George* the ſecond, intituled, '*An Act*[1] *for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Warwick, *in the County of* Henrico,' might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the ſaid Act; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Wood*, and Mr *Trent*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Trent* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe until *Friday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

[1] Not in Hening. See Acts of Aſſembly. Edition of 1752, p. 411 Title only.

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Tuesday, the 14th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Claim* of *Lot Hackley* for a Gun taken from him for the Uſe of the Militia of *Prince William* County, which was appraiſed to One Pound and Seventeen Shillings, and was never returned to him, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Claim* of *William Blackwell* for a Gun taken from him for the Uſe of the Militia of *Prince William* County, which was valued to Two Pounds, and was never returned to him, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in the County of *Accomack:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Claim* of *Hankinſon Read*, for the Hire of an Horſe, belonging to him, which had been Fifty-five Days in the Service of a Company of the *Culpeper* Militia, ſtationed on the Frontiers, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Another Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *Robert Rutherford*, for the Pay of certain Soldiers of the *Frederick* Militia, raiſed by Order of Col. *Adam Stephen*, to ſuppreſs an Inſurrection of Negroes in the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Jacob Stricktor* and *Jacob Coughenor*, on Behalf of themſelves, and their 42
Proteſtant Brethren, of the Sect called Menoniſts, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have retired to this Colony, in Hopes of enjoying the free Exerciſe of their Religion, and are willing to contribute a proportionable Part of their Eſtates, whenever the Exigencies of Government may require it, and deſirous in every other Reſpect, as far as they are able, to promote the Public Good; but that they are forbidden by the Dictates of Conſcience to bear Arms; and therefore praying that they may be exempt from the Penalties they are ſubject to for declining military Duty.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm to *George Marſhall* a Fee Simple Eſtate in certain Lands purchaſed by him of the Veſtry of *Hanover* Pariſh, in the County of *King George:* And that Mr *Charles Carter*, of *King George*, and Mr *Robinſon*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of the Practitioners of the Law in the County Courts of this Colony, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners Fees are for the moſt Part recoverable only by Warrant, a Method attended with Trouble and Expence, and often impracticable; and therefore praying that their Fees may be diſtrainable, under juſt Regulations.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

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Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Eyre* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for preventing and ſuppreſſing private Lotteries; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech;

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech to the Council and this Houſe, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Writing intituled '*Alteration in the Boundary Line betwixt* Virginia *and the* Cherokees,' which was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Letters to his Excellency, from Colonels *Adam Stephen* and *Felix Seymour*, and Copies of his Excellency's Letters to Col. *Stephen*, and the Commanding Officer of *Fort Pitt*, together with ſeveral other Papers, concerning the alarming Reports mentioned in his Excellency's Speech to have been received from the Frontier Parts of this Colony, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

43 Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-Morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, and Mr *Travis*, be added to the Committee of Trade.

Ordered, That Mr *Nelſon* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Baniſter*, Mr *Marſhall*, Mr *Hamilton*, and Mr *Rutherford*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That Mr *Edmundſon*, Mr *Marſhall*, and Mr *Hamilton*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Marſhall*, Mr *Hamilton*, and Mr *Rutherford*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Bill* for dividing the County of *Auguſta*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Edwards* and *James Price*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Gray's* Creek Warehouſes, in *Surry* County, to be reimburſed for the Tobacco therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of 13 £. 13 *s.* 10 *d.* for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *George Slaugter*, to be allowed for the Horſe therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 9 £. for the ſaid Horſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Thomas*, for an Allowance as a Voluntier from this Colony under Col. *Bouquet*, on an Expedition againſt the *Shawaneſe* and *Delaware Indians*, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 40 *l.* as an Acknowledgement of his Merit, and the extraordinary Service he rendered to this Colony, by his gallant Behaviour on the ſaid Expedition.

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The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Bill* for altering the Court Day of *Middleſex* County, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to prevent Hogs running at Large in the Town of *Hampton*, was read a ſecond Time.

And it appearing to the Houſe, that an Act made in the third and fourth Years of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, '*An Act*[1] *to prevent Swine running at Large, within the Limits of the Town of* Hampton,' is ſtill in Force;

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 15th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of *Landon Carter*, of the County of *Richmond*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Ferry from the Town of *Tappahannock*, in the County of *Eſſex*, over *Rappahannock* River, to the Petitioner's Landing, in the County of *Richmond*, is now diſuſed, ſince the Eſtabliſhment of later more convenient Ferries in the Neighborhood of it; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for diſcontinuing the ſaid Ferry from the Town of *Tappahannock* to the Petitioner's Landing.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Spottſylvania*, praying that Inſpectors may be obliged to give Receipts for all Tobacco brought to the Warehouſes, and refuſed to be paſſed, diſtinguiſhing the Qualities of it, and that the Owners may be at Liberty to ſell it in a reaſonable Time, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Buckingham*, praying that the Authority of Inſpectors may be modified, and that refuſed Tobacco may be ſold under certain Regulations and Reſtrictions, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Manufacturers of Leather within this Colony, praying relief againſt the Exportation of raw Hides, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Juſtices and Inhabitants of *James City* County, praying to be relieved from the Expence of maintaining the Cauſey over *Sandy Bay*, to *James Town* Ferry, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of the Inhabitants of *Brunſwick* and *Suſſex* Counties, praying that ſo much of the Act of the General Aſſembly, intituled, '*An Act*[2] *for increaſing the Rates of Ferriage at* Swan's Point, James Town, and Crouche's *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, as relates to the Increaſe of the ſaid Ferriages*,' may be repealed, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Spratley*, Gentleman, Sheriff of *James City* County, praying that ſo much of the Boundary between the ſaid County of *James City* and the County of *York*, as runs through the City of *Williamſburg*, may be aſcertained, is reaſonable.

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[1] Hening gives titles only, IV, p. 306.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 263.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the fifth and ſixth Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Pariſhes from ſuch Charges as may accrue from Baſtard Children born within the ſame; and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they prepare and bring in a Bill to make Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunatics, and other Perſons of unſound Minds.

The Houſe was moved, that part of an Act made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, '*An Act* [1] *directing the Trial of Slaves committing capital Crimes, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them; and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and* Indians, *bond or free*,' might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to amend the Act, intituled, '*An Act* [2] *to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*,' that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, for amending ſo much of the ſaid Act, as impowers the County Court to order and direct the diſmembering of Slaves, who are notoriouſly guilty of going abroad in the Night, or running away, and laying out, and who cannot be reclaimed by the common Methods of Puniſhment.

A *Petition* of ſundy Freeholders and Houſekeepers of the County of *Auguſta*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Road over the *Blue Ridge* of Mountains, from *Payne's* Run, in the County of *Auguſta*, to *Thurman's*, in the County of *Albemarle*, would conſiderably ſhorten the Diſtance the Petitioners are now obliged to carry their Commodities to Market; but that the Petitioners alone are unable to clear the ſaid Road, and make it paſſable; and therefore praying that the neceſſary Expence of effecting ſo uſeful a Work may be defrayed by
46 the Public, or elſe that the Court of the ſaid County of *Auguſta* may be impowered to levy the ſame on the tithable Perſons of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Trades; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *James Walker* be added to the Committee for Religion, and to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of *St. Mark's* Pariſh, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that an Act may paſs to enable them to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and to purchaſe a better and more convenient Glebe, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Meherrin*, in the County of *Brunſwick*, as prays that they may be impowered to ſell their Glebe Lands, and to purchaſe a better and more convenient Glebe, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying that they may be impowered to lay out the Surplus of the Money ariſing from

[1] Hening, VI, p. 104

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 135.

from ſuch Sale, in Buildings and Improvements on the Glebe ſo to be purchaſed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the upper End of *Southfarnham* Pariſh, in the County of *Eſſex*, praying that Part of the ſaid Pariſh may be included in the Pariſh of *St. Anne's*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, be heard before the Committee the twelfth Day of *December* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Miniſter or Clerk of the ſaid Veſtry be ſerved with a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and have ten Days previous Notice of the Time when the ſaid Petition is to be heard before the Committee; and that they, or either of them, give the ſame Notice to the ſaid Veſtry.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Clerk of the ſaid Veſtry do attend the Committee, at the Time aforeſaid, with the Veſtry Books relative to the Subject-Matter of the ſaid Petition.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the firſt, ſecond, and fourth Reſolutions; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Brunſwick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, by the Laws now in Force, cannot diſcharge their Public, County, and Pariſh Dues, and Officers Fees, in Tobacco Notes of any Inſpection lower down *James* River than *Cabin Point*, which is very inconvenient to the Petitioners; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs, declaring all Tobacco Notes, on the Warehouſes from *Milner's*, in *Nanſemond* County, to *Bolling's Point* on *Appomattox*, to be payable for all Public, County, and Pariſh Dues, and for all Officers Fees, owing from the ſaid Inhabitants. 47

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Eyre* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Thomas Fiſher*, junior, is ſeized, and for Settling certain Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Preſervation of Peace and good Order in every Community, depends entirely upon the due Execution of the Laws made for that ſalutary Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That the Right of making War and Peace being an inherent Prerogative of the Crown; after the late Peace, with the ſeveral Tribes of *Indians*, had been eſtabliſhed, every Act of Violence committed on their Perſons by any of his Majeſty's Subjects, contrary to the Terms of Peace and Amity ſubſiſting between the Crown and the ſeveral Tribes of *Indians*, is a high Offence againſt the Government.

Reſolved, That the murdering any of the ſaid *Indians* is a Crime of the moſt atrocious and inhuman Nature, contrary to all Laws both human and divine, and ought to meet with the moſt exemplary Puniſhment.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Laws of this Colony are amply ſufficient to protect and defend his Majeſty's Subjects, in the free Exerciſe and Enjoyment of their juſt Rights and Liberties, if the ſame are obeyed duly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that every Obſtruction given to the free Courſe of Law and Juſtice, is an Offence againſt the Public.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Reſcue or Delivery from Gaol of any Perſon or Perſons legally confined for the Commiſſion or ſuppoſed Commiſſion of Murder, Felony, or other Offence, is a high Crime and Miſdemeanor, and ought to be ſeverely puniſhed.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the reſcuing ſeveral Perſons
48 legally apprehended upon Suſpicion of their having murdered ſeveral *Indians*, is the higheſt Inſult upon Government; and that the Perſons concerned in ſuch Reſcue ought to be purſued by every legal Method, and brought to condign Puniſhment.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Treaties with the *Indians* for opening or extending a Trade with them, or for other Purpoſes, ought to be made by or under the Authority of Government only; and that for any private Perſon or Perſons to enter into a Negotiation with the *Indians*, or invite them into the Colony for ſuch Treaty, is a great Miſdemeanor, and may be attended with the moſt dangerous Conſequences.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble and dutiful Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, expreſſing our Abhorrence of the cruel and inhuman Murders of the *Indians*, on the Frontiers of this Colony; returning our Thanks for the Steps which his Excellency hath already taken; and deſiring that he will be pleaſed to purſue ſuch other legal Meaſures, as his Lordſhip may judge moſt conducive and proper to bring the Offenders, and all thoſe concerned in reſcuing them from the Hand of Juſtice, to exemplary and condign Puniſhment; and aſſuring his Lordſhip that we ſo entirely concur with him in Opinion, as to the Neceſſity of giving Stability and Permanence to this reſpectable Government, that we will, upon all Occaſions, exert our utmoſt Efforts in ſeconding his Lordſhip's Endeavours to preſerve the Laws of our excellent Conſtitution inviolate.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Henry*, do wait on his Excellency with the ninth Reſolution.

Mr *Bland* alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Claim* of *Thomas Caldwell*, for his Pay as a Soldier, in the Years 1756 and 1757, was preſented to the Houſe, and read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

The Houſe was moved, that an Act made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, *An Act* [1] *concerning Water Mills*, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the ſaid Act; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday

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1 Hening, VI. p. 55.

Thurſday, the 16th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of *William Poindexter* and *John Apperſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Littlepage's* Warehouſes, in the County of *New Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Warehouſes, ſometime in *July* and *Auguſt* laſt, were broken open, and ſundry Parcels of Tobacco, amounting to 4096 lbs. Nett, ſtolen there-out; and praying the Houſe to make them ſuch Allowance as may ſeem juſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *David Mead* and *Sarah* his Wife, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are ſeized, in Right of the Wife, as Tenants in Fee Tail of and in a Tract or Parcel of Land, in the County of *Northampton*, ſituate on *King's* Creek, and the Bay of *Cheſapeak*, and containing Six Hundred Acres; and that it will be greatly to the Advantage of the Petitioners and their Poſterity, to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands, and in Lieu thereof, to ſettle others in the County of *Halifax*, of equal or greater Value; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr *Jefferſon*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Starke*, and Mr *Munford*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Starke* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds, Slips, or Suckers: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Spottſylvania*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are obliged to attend General Muſter sand Courts Martial, at *Frederickſburg*, which is far diſtant from their Habitations; and praying that the General Muſters and Courts Martial may be appointed to be held at a more convenient Place, near to the Center of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Another Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Returns of ſeveral other Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Return of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Lunenburg*, and for the Town of *James City*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Return of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Bedford*, *Prince William*, and *King George*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Returns of the ſeveral Writs in the laſt Reſolution mentioned, be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

And the ſame were amended accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do lay his Accounts before the Houſe.

A *Claim* of *John Hickman* for the Ferriages of ſeveral Criminals, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech;

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had delivered to him ſundry Papers relative to the Boundary Line, betwixt this Colony and the *Cherokees*, mentioned in his Excellency's Speech; and he delivered the ſaid Papers in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-Morrow.

Mr *Treaſurer*, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by Members of the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 17th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to oblige the Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, for *their own Uſe, to pay a Duty;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time. 51

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act*[3] *to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to order, waited on the Governor with the Reſolution of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which was agreed to by the Houſe on *Wedneſday* laſt; and that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he was highly pleaſed with the Reſolution of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, as it concurred intirely with his own Sentiments.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, That the Governor had delivered to him a Plan for checking the Entries of Tobacco in the Cuſtom-Houſes, in the Provinces of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, ſent to his Excellency by the Commiſſioners at *Boſton*, with his Anſwer, and their Reply thereunto annexed, and deſired him to lay them before the Houſe; and he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

And the ſaid Plan and Papers thereunto annexed were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Plan, with the Papers thereunto annexed, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Harriſon* reported from the Committee of Trade, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VII, p. 338. [2] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 580. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, praying that an Act may paſs for the Inſpection of Hemp, in the ſame, or ſome ſuch Manner, as Tobacco is inſpected; and that Inſpectors Notes for Hemp may paſs in Payment for Diſcharge of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, as prays that an Allowance may be made by the Public for clearing a Road over the *Blue Ridge* of Mountains, from *Payne's* Run in the ſaid County to *Thurman's* in the County of *Albemarle*, is reaſonable: And that they ought to be allowed by the Public, the Sum of 100 £. for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as prays that the Court of the ſaid County may be impowered to levy any Sum of Money that may be thought neceſſary to defray the further Expences of clearing the ſaid Road, on the Tithable Perſons thereof, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the 52
Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to order, a Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act [1] for appointing a Treaſurer;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act [2] for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of the Governor's Speech, the Reſolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Line running from the Place where the *Carolina* Line, when extended in a due Weſt Direction, will interſect *Holſton's* River, to the Mouth of the Great *Kanhawa*, will be near 200 Miles in Length; and that it will paſs through a Country remarkably full of high and rugged Mountains, of difficult and dangerous Acceſs, and interſected with many Water-Courſes.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the preſent Poſture of *Indian* Affairs will make the ſending a ſtrong Guard of armed Men, neceſſary for the Protection of thoſe that may be commiſſioned to run the ſaid Line, as it will paſs through a Country uninhabited, and where thoſe *Indians*, who at preſent ſeem moſt inclined to Hoſtility, do frequently paſs.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a great Part of the valuable Territory lately ceded to his Majeſty by the Northern *Indians*, lying on the *Ohio*, below the Mouth of the Great *Kanhawa*, will, by the ſaid Line, be ſeparated and divided from the *Britiſh* Territory, on the upper Part of *Holſton's* River, and the Great *Kanhawa*, as well as from the Territory on the upper Part of the *Ohio*, which will greatly impede, and may altogether prevent the ſettling of that valuable and extenſive Country, which, from its Situation, opened the faireſt Proſpect of a beneficial Commerce with the Mother Country, as well as a new and extenſive Trade with ſeveral Tribes of Weſtern *Indians*, hitherto enjoyed

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 211.

[2] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 106.

enjoyed by the Subjects of *France:* By means whereof many *Indian* Nations, hitherto living in a State of Enmity towards his Majeſty, may be made friendly, and uſeful in extending the Trade and Navigation of *Great-Britain.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Line will, if it is eſtabliſhed, conſtantly open to the *Indians* or others, Enemies to his Majeſty, a free and eaſy Acceſs to the Heart of the Country lying on the *Ohio*, *Holſton's* River, and the Great
83 *Kanhawa*; whereby the Settlements, which may be attempted in that valuable Country, may be deſtroyed; and that the great and fertile Country on the *Ohio* from the Mouth of the Great *Kanawha*, to the Mouth of the *Cherokee* River, extending Eaſtward as far as the *Laurel Hill*, ſo lately ceded to his Majeſty, and to which no *Indians* at preſent ſet up any Claim, will be left for the Poſſeſſion of the *Cherokees:* In Conſequence whereof, Claims, deſtructive of the true Intereſts of his Majeſty, may, at ſome future Time, ariſe, and Acquiſitions, juſtly ranked amongſt the moſt valuable of the late War, be altogether loſt.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Lands, which have been granted by Patents, regularly obtained, according to the known and fixed Rules of Government here, if the ſaid Line is eſtabliſhed, will be thereby diſmembered from this Colony, allotted to the *Indians*, and loſt to the Proprietors, who were authorized by the Laws of this Colony, and encouraged by Inſtructions to a late Governor, to become reſident thereon.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Line, beginning at the Weſtern Termination of the *North-Carolina* Line, and running thence in a due Weſt Direction to the *Ohio* River, may be run and extended at a much leſs Expence, than the other propoſed Line; and that it is neceſſary for the Safety and Advantage of his Majeſty's Subjects, and would tend greatly to encreaſe his Majeſty's Revenues, and the Trade and Navigation of the Weſtern Part of this Dominion, to purchaſe from the *Cherokee Indians* all their Lands, which the ſaid due Weſt Line would include, and which the ſaid *Indians* are willing to ſell; eſpecially, if his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed, in his Princely Wiſdom, to diſcourage all Monopolies, and ſtrengthen our Barrier, by granting thoſe Lands in ſmall or moderate Quantities, to ſuch Adventurers as might incline to ſeat and ſettle the ſame.

Reſolved, therefore, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, expreſſing our unfeigned Thanks for his Majeſty's kind Attention to the Intereſts of this Colony, in approving the Report from the Right Honourable Board of Trade and Plantations, in Favour of a more extended Boundary; as we are convinced that his Majeſty's ſole Motive for ſo doing, aroſe from his moſt gracious Inclination to promote the Security and Happineſs of his Subjects; but, at the ſame Time, and with all Humility and Deference to his Royal Wiſdom, repreſenting to his Lordſhip our Apprehenſions, that his Majeſty has not yet been made properly and fully acquainted with the true Situation of the Frontiers of this Colony; and entreating his Lordſhip, that he will be pleaſed to tranſmit a more perfect State of the Matter to his Majeſty, and endeavor to procure for this Colony ſuch farther Indulgencies, in extending its Boundary, in ſuch Manner as his Majeſty, in his great Wiſdom, may think juſt and right, aſſuring his Lordſhip, that we ſhall, at all Times, be ready and willing chearfully to comply with every Requiſition in our Power, that may tend to promote the Honour and Dignity of his Majeſty's Crown, the Extenſion of the *Britiſh* Dominions, and the true Intereſts of this Colony.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

54 *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to the Governor, upon the ſeventh Reſolution.

And a Committee was appointed of M^r *Bland*, M^r *Treaſurer*, M^r *Edmund Pendleton*, M^r *Richard Henry Lee*, M^r *Henry*, M^r *Riddick*, M^r *Thomas Walker*, M^r *Baniſter*, M^r *Jones*, M^r *Nelſon*, and M^r *Archibald Cary*.

Ordered

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they prepare a Memorial, to be preſented to the Governor, upon the ſaid Reſolutions.

A *Petition* of *John Henry* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, when he ſet about a General Survey of the Colony, intended to have meaſured the Public Roads, but, for want of proper Encouragement, had not been able to execute it; that this Deficiency may be made good by printed Tables, after the Roads are meaſured; and that ſuch Menſuration will be for the Benefit of the Community, by aſcertaining the Diſtances Jurymen and Witneſſes travel to the Supreme Courts on the Trials of Criminals; and, foraſmuch as the Petitioner had been at conſiderable Expence in forming his Map [1], and had tranſmitted it to *London*, to be printed, therefore praying the Houſe to grant him ſuch a Conſideration as will enable him to meaſure the Public Roads throughout the Colony.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Frederick*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the bad Condition of the Roads from the Mountains to the Towns of *Frederickſburg* and *Alexandria*, and other convenient Ports; praying the Houſe to take the Matter into Conſideration, and deviſe ſome Method for making the Roads more uſeful.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, *Alexander Purdie* and *John Dixon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners having been employed to print the Acts of Aſſembly by the Committee appointed to collect them, imported from *England* a Quantity of Leather for binding them, which coſt 234*£*. 0 *s*. 6 *d*. Sterling; that the Leather being unfit for the Purpoſe, and not agreeable to their Directions the Petitioners reſolved to return it, and ſent it to *Yorktown*, where it was ſtored in a Warehouſe, in order to be reſhipped, and exported, but no Commander of a Veſſel would take it on Board, becauſe the Bulk of the Package, which could not be ſafely ſeparated; and therefore the Petitioners brought the Leather back, that they might make the beſt of it; but found it intirely rotted and ſpoiled by ſome Accident or other whilſt it remained in the Warehouſe; and further ſetting forth, that the Conſideration they will be intitled to by the Agreement they entered into with the Committee, will not give a moderate Profit on the Work; and therefore praying to be reimburſed the Value of the ſaid Leather, and to be allowed a further Satiſfaction for printing and binding the Laws.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they conſider of a proper Satiſfaction to be made the Committee who collected the Acts of Aſſembly for the Preſs, and to the Clerk they employed in that Service.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter and ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that, from the large Extent of the Pariſh, it is not in the Miniſter's Power to perform his Duty, as a Preacher, to the whole Pariſh, in a regular Manner; and many of the Inhabitants reſide ſo far from their Pariſh Churches that they can but ſeldom attend Divine Service; and praying, that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided by a ſtraight Line, to begin at the North Fork of *Broad Run*, at an Angle that divides the ſaid Pariſh of *Hamilton* from the Pariſh of *Dettingen*, and to end at two red Oaks, on the Bank of the North Fork of *Rappahannock* River, in the Plantation of *Jeſſe Williams*.

Ordered

[1] Phillips, Virginia Cartography, pp. 53-56.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for paying Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the County of *Loudoun:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for exempting Free Negro, Mulatto, and *Indian* Women, from the Payment of Levies: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Church-Wardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to leaſe certain Lands therein mentioned: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Maſon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Recovery of his Health.

A *Petition* of *Triſtram Noſworthy*, of *Nanſemond* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner's Land is ſo ſituate, that it will be more convenient for him to attend Courts and other public Places in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, than in his own County; and therefore praying that Part of the lower Pariſh *Nanſemond*, from the County Line on *James* River, to the Mouth of the *Chuckatuck* Creek, and up the ſaid Creek to a ſmall Creek, called *Chuckatuck Bay*, and up the ſaid laſt mentioned Creek till it interſects the County Line, and down the ſaid Line to *James* River, may be added to the Pariſh of *Newport* and County of *Iſle of Wight*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

56 A *Petition* of *Edward Weſtmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the preſent Dearneſs of Proviſions; and praying to be allowed the additional Salary of Fifteen Pounds, which his Predeceſſors had enjoyed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Lyne* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and of Public Claims.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of the Sect of Proteſtant Diſſenters, called *Menoniſts*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Sect of Proteſtant Diſſenters, called *Menoniſts*, praying that they may be exempt from the Penalties they are ſubject to for declining military Duty, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who were appointed to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the thirteenth Reſolution of the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, which was agreed to by the Houſe on *Saturday* laſt, that they make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for exempting *Menoniſts* from the Penalties they are ſubject to for declining military Duty.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Benjamin Baker* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe till *Monday* Sevenight.

Ordered, That Mr *Roane* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe till *Wedneſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday

Saturday, the 18th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ANOTHER Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, of *King George*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to confirm to *George Marſhall* the Fee Simple Eſtate in certain Lands, purchaſed by him of the Veſtry of *Hanover*, in the County of *King George:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for increaſing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties, wherein the Services* 57
ſhall be performed: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin, in Caſes of Diſtreſs for Rents, in this Colony: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act* [2] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That an Account of the annual Produce of the Duties upon Skins and Furs from the Year 1750 to the Year 1768, incluſively, be laid before this Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for adding Part of the Pariſh of *Southfarnham* to the Pariſh of *Saint Anne:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe was moved, that Part of an Act, made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King *George* the II. intituled, *An Act* [3] *declaring the Law concerning Executions; and for Relief of inſolvent Debtors*, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to alter and amend the ſaid Act: And that Mr *Richard Baker*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Bland*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for adding Twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramſay* is ſeized, to the Town of *Blandford;* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, and that they do ſtate in Account, as well the Balance due from the late Treaſurer to the Public, as the ſeveral Funds by Law appropriated for the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, together with the Amount of ſuch Notes remaining in Circulation.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Henry*.

Ordered, that Mr *Treaſurer's* Accounts, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act* [4] *to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves;* that they have Power to receive a Clauſe

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 147. [2] *Ibid.* V, p. 326. [3] *Ibid.*, V, p. 526. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 135.

Clauſe or Cauſes to prevent Maſters, or Owners of Slaves, from licencing them to go at Large, as Freemen, under Contracts to pay the ſaid Maſters or Owners certain Wages.

68 A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Mecklenburg*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Inconveniences intended to be remedied by the Act made in the ſeventh Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for exempting the Inhabitants of* Mecklenburg *County, and alſo the Miniſter, and other Pariſhioners of* Saint James's *Pariſh, in the ſaid County, from the Payment of Ferriage, on* Sundays, *Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Muſters*, are trivial, and in a great Meaſure removed; and therefore praying that the ſaid Act may be repealed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Chriſtian* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner enliſted *John Hamilton* to ſerve, as a Soldier, in his Company of Militia, in the Year 1764, and paid him Forty Shillings, the Bounty Money, then allowed, by Act of Aſſembly, to thoſe who engaged to ſerve for a Year; and that the ſaid *John Hamilton* engaged to ſerve for a Year, and continued in the Service till he was diſcharged; but that the Petitioner neglected to annex an Account of the ſaid Bounty Money to the Pay-Roll, and had not received it; and therefore praying to be allowed the ſaid Forty Shillings.

Ordered, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Landon Carter*, praying that ſo much of the Act of the General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Twenty-ſecond Year of his late Majeſty *George* II. intituled, *An Act* [2] *for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and for Diſpatch of public Expreſſes*, as eſtabliſhes a Ferry from the Town of *Tappahannock* in the County of *Eſſex*, to the ſaid *Carter's* Landing in the County of *Richmond*, may be repealed, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Norfolk*, and other Parts of this Colony, praying that the Practice of inoculating the Small-Pox, may be regulated by Law, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of this Colony, praying that the Practice of inoculating the Small-Pox, may be prohibited by Law, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Frederick* and *Fairfax* Counties, praying that the Public Roads may be rendered more uſeful, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Brunſwick* County, praying that an Act may paſs to allow them to pay their
59 Tobacco Dues and Officers Fees at all the Warehouſes, from *Milner's*, in *Nanſemond*, to *Bolling's Point*, on *Appomattox*, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the *fourth* Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houſe on *Monday* laſt, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 257.

[2] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 13.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the *ſecond* of the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the *ſeventh* Reſolution of the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, which was agreed to by the Houſe on *Saturday* laſt, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the fourth of the ſaid Reſolutions this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act [1] for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the fifth of the ſaid Reſolutions this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, praying a Diviſion thereof, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Greenhill* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for a Fortnight.

A *Petition* of *John Burke* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the latter End of the Year 1764, the Petitioner's Negro Man Slave, named *Sam*, having run away and committed Felony, and having been regularly outlawed, in order to avoid Puniſhment, hanged himſelf; and therefore praying that the Value of the ſaid Slave may be paid to the Petitioner by the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Roy*, Proprietor of the Public Warehouſes, called *Roy's*, in the County of *Caroline*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner lately built a Wharf at the ſaid Warehouſes, for delivering Tobacco from thence, at the Expence of Eighteen Pounds, which the Rents of the Warehouſes are ſo far from being ſufficient to reimburſe, that they are not equal to the Charges of repairing the ſaid Houſes; and therefore praying that the ſaid Eighteen Pounds may be repaid to the Petitioner by the Public. 60

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the Counties of *Albemarle*, *Amherſt*, and *Buckingham*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Ferry over the *Fluvanna* River will be very convenient to Perſons travelling to and from thoſe Counties; and therefore praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the Land of *Benjamin Howard*, Gentleman, in the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, on the South Side of the ſaid River, to the Land of *Neill Campbell*, in the ſaid County of *Albemarle*, on the other Side.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 154.

A *Petition* of *James Roberts*, jun. of the County of *Piltſylvania*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Tract of Land, belonging to the Petitioner, whereon the Court-Houſe of the ſaid County ſtands, is commodiouſly ſituated for a Town; and therefore praying that Fifty Acres of the ſaid Land, adjacent to the ſaid Court-Houſe, may be laid off for a Town; that no Perſon be allowed to build Wooden Chimnies, or raiſe Hogs therein; and that Fairs be held there, on the firſt *Mondays* in *April* and *October*, annually.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* for preventing and ſuppreſſing private Lotteries was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in the County of *Accomack*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Treaſurer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

61 *Ordered*, That the Report be received upon *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 20th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

SEVERAL other Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Seats in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Lewis* and *William Brown*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Blandford*, in the County of *Prince George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that there are good Grounds to ſuſpect that ſeveral conſiderable Parcels of Tobacco have been ſtolen out of thoſe Warehouſes, and others in that Neighborhood; and further ſetting forth, that the Quantity of Tobacco brought to the ſaid Warehouſes is greater than it was heretofore, and probably will very much increaſe; and therefore praying that ſome more effectual Security againſt ſtealing Tobacco out of Warehouſes may be provided; and that the Petitioners Salaries may be increaſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Dettingen*, ſetting forth, that the Glebe Land of the ſaid Pariſh is inconveniently ſituated, and that the Manſion Houſe thereon was lately burned down, and the other Houſes much out of Repair; and therefore praying that the Petitioners may be empowered to ſell the ſaid Glebe Land, and purchaſe another.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, on the South Side of *James* River, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed: *And alſo*

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, and other adjacent Counties, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed;

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that much Difficulty and Expence attend the Carriage of Tobacco to the Warehouſes, which are at a very great Diſtance from the Petitioners; and therefore praying that an Inſpection of Tobacco may be appointed at the Town of *New-London*, in the County of *Bedford*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe. 62

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and *alſo* one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, *An Act* [2] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties; and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections*: And that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Archibald Cary* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of Mr *Thomas Harriſon* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Marſhall*, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Fauquier*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Blair* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Order, an Account of the annual Produce of the Duties upon Skins and Furs, from the Year 1750, to the Year 1768, inclusively.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the fourth Reſolution of the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, which was agreed to by the Houſe on *Saturday* was Sevenight laſt.

Mr *Treaſurer*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in the County of *Accomack* was committed, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of *Armiſtead Lightfoot*, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is ſeized, in Fee Tail of and in two valuable Tracts of Land, in the County of *Goochland*, commonly called and known by the Names of *Dover* and *Beaver-Dam*, but hath not a ſufficient Number of Slaves to cultivate and improve them; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to dock the Intail of Three Thouſand Acres, part of a Tract of Seven Thouſand Five Hundred and Fifty-ſix Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunſwick*, whereof he is alſo ſeized in Fee Tail; and that the Money ariſing from the Sale thereof, may be laid out in Slaves, to be annexed to the ſaid *Dover* and *Beaver-Dam* Tracts.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr *Dudley Digges* and Mr *Nelſon* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Tebbs* and Mr *Talbot* be added to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances, and of Public Claims. 63

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[1] Hening, III, p. 236.

[2] *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475.

Mr *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for giving Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Bill* to repeal the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds, Slips, or Suckers, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Starke*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Archibald Cary*.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the Petition of *James Roberts*, Junior, as prays that an Act may paſs for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Land of the ſaid *Roberts* in the County of *Pittſylvania*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as prays that Fairs may be annually held in the ſaid Town, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Albemarle*, *Amherſt*, and *Buckingham* Counties, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the Land of *Benjamin Howard* in *Buckingham* County, acroſs the *Fluvanna* River, to the Land of *Neill Campbell* in *Albemarle* County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, praying that an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the ſeventh Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for exempting the Inhabitants of* Mecklenburg *County, and alſo the Miniſter and other Pariſhioners of St.* James's *Pariſh in the ſaid County, from the Payment of Ferriage on* Sundays, *Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Muſters*, may be repealed, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the *firſt* Reſolution; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the *fourth* Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houſe upon *Monday* laſt, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the *third* and *fourth* of the ſaid Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in *Charles Carter*, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

64 *Reſolved*, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Reverend Mr *Willie*, for the excellent Sermon by him preached Yeſterday before this Houſe, at *Bruton* Church, in *Williamſburg;* and that he be deſired to print the ſame: And that Mr *Starke* and Mr *David Maſon* do acquaint him therewith.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Thomas Fiſher*, jun. is ſeized, and for ſettling certain Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Northampton* and *Accomack*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Carrington*.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 257.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Ramſay*, to be allowed for the Horſe therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Twelve Pounds for the ſaid Horſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Burke*, to be allowed for the Slave therein mentioned, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Prieſt* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner enliſted a Voluntier in Captain *Ruffell's* Company of Militia, on the fifteenth Day of *May*, 1764, and continued as a Soldier in the Service till the fifteenth Day of *December* following, when he was diſcharged; and that, by ſome Miſtake, he had been allowed Pay for One Hundred and Fifty-One Days only, inſtead of Two Hundred and Fifteen; and therefore praying an Allowance of Pay for the remaining Sixty-four Days of his Service.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Harmon Miller* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Ferry from the Petitioner's Land, on the South Side of *Dan* River, to the Land of *James Le Grand*, on the other Side, would be very convenient to Travellers and others; and therefore praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed at that Place.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Buckingham*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Ferry over *Slate* River would be very convenient; and therefore praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed over the ſaid River, from the Land of *John Nicholas*, Gentleman, on the North Side, to his Land on the other Side, and the Place where the main County Road croſſes the ſaid River.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and 65
Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Joſeph Ligon*, of the County of *Halifax*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is Proprietor of a Tract of Land in the ſaid County, on the North Side of *Dan* River; and that a Ferry from thence to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side of the ſaid River, will be uſeful to the Public; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to appoint a Ferry at that Place.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitons and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the fourth Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houſe upon Monday laſt, that they conſider of the Rates of Ferriage at all the public Ferries in this Colony, and make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for reducing ſuch of the ſaid Rates as ſhall appear exceſſive.

A *Bill* to impower the Church-Wardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to leaſe certain Lands therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Northampton* and *Southampton*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, to uſe his kind Offices with his Majeſty, to iſſue his Royal Proclamation for permitting Copper Money to be brought in, and paſs in this Colony.

Ordered, That M^r *Harriſon*, M^r *Eyre*, and M^r *Bland*, do wait on his Excellency, with the ſaid Reſolution.

Sundry

Sundry *Petitions* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Cumberland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the Inconveniences the Petitioners are ſubject to by Means of the great Diſtances they are obliged to travel to their County Court, General Muſters, and other public Meetings; and therefore praying, that the ſaid County may be divided by a Line from *Micajah Moſby's* Ferry, on *James* River, to the Mouth of *Swan's* Creek, that empties into *Appomattox* River: *And alſo*

Sundry *Petitions* of ſeveral Freeholders of the County of *Cumberland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of the Application intended to be made to the Houſe, for a Diviſion of the ſaid County; and praying that the ſaid County may not be divided.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

68 A *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act* [2] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, that the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act* [3] *for appointing a Treaſurer*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Bland* and Mr *Harriſon*.

A *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act* [4] *to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

A *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act* [5] *to oblige the Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony, from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

A *Bill* for exempting free Negro, Mulatto, and *Indian* Women from the Payment of Levies, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for paying Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tueſday, the 21ſt of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had delivered to him a Letter from the Earl of *Hillſborough* to the Honouarble Mr Preſident *Blair*, during his Adminiſtration, as Commander in Chief of this Colony; and alſo a Letter from Governor *Carleton*, to his Excellency, upon the Subject of *Indian* Affairs; and deſired him to lay them before the Houſe: And he delivered the Letters in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

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[1] Hening, VII, p. 580. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 211 [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190. [5] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 338
[2] *Ibid.*, VII. p. 106.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the State of the Debt due from *John Robinſon*, Eſquire, deceaſed, late Treaſurer of this Colony, to the Public;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, take into Conſideration the State of the Debt due from *John Robinſon*, Eſquire, deceaſed, late Treaſurer of this Colony, to the Public.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till *Thurſday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Field* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Bill* for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice. 67

A *Bill* for adding Part of the Pariſh of *Southfarnham* to the Pariſh of *St. Anne*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for increaſing the Rewards for killing Wolves, within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties, wherein the Services ſhall be performed*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act* [2] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to confirm to *George Marſhall* the Fee Simple Eſtate in certain Lands purchaſed by him of the Veſtry of *Hanover*, in the County of *King George*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, Mr *Robinſon* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for dividing the County of *Auguſta* was committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for adding all of the Iſlands in the *Fluvanna* River, from the Confluence of *Rockfiſh* River to the *Blue Ridge*, to the County of *Amherſt*.

Ordered, That Mr *Mayo* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for a Week.

A *Bill* for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramſay* is ſeized, to the Town of *Blandford*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in *Charles Carter*, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Weſtmoreland*, *Caroline*, *Richmond*, *Prince William*, *Fauquier*, *Fairfax*, *Loudoun*, and *Hanover*.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of divers Innholders, as prays that they may be allowed to give general Credit, and to ſue for and recover their Ordinary Debts, be rejected.

Reſolved

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 147. [2] *Ibid.*, IV, p. 402.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition,
68 as prays that Merchants, or Perſons keeping Store for the Sale of Merchandize, may be prohibited by Law from ſelling ſmall Quantities of ſpirituous Liquors, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *John Lewis* and *William Brown*, Inſpectors at *Blandford* Warehouſes, in the County of *Prince George*, as prays that a more effectual Security may be provided againſt ſtealing of Tobacco out of Warehouſes, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as prays that their Salaries may be increaſed, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the additional Sum of Ten Pounds each, annually.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *William Rind*, *Alexander Purdie*, and *John Dixon*, as prays to be reimburſed the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds and Six-Pence, Sterling, the Coſt of a large Quantity of damaged Leather, imported for binding the Acts of Aſſembly of this Colony, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as prays that a further Satiſfaction may be made to them, over and above their Agreement with the Committee, for printing and binding the ſaid Acts of Aſſembly, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds.

The *firſt* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *ſecond* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Petition of divers Innholders as prays that Merchants, or Perſons keeping Store for Sale of Merchandize, may be probihited by Law from ſelling ſmall Quantities of ſpirituous Liquors, be rejected.

The *third* and *fourth* Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *fifth* Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Petition of *William Rind*, *Alexander Purdie*, and *John Dixon*, as prays to be reimburſed the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds and Six-Pence, Sterling, the Coſt of a large Quantity of damaged Leather, imported for binding the Acts of Aſſembly of this Colony, be rejected.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the *third* and *fourth* of the ſaid Reſolutions, which have been agreed to by the Houſe.

69 *Reſolved*, That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds be paid to *William Rind*, *Alexander Purdie*, and *John Dixon*, as a further Conſideration for printing and binding the Acts of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That M[r] *Bland* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

Wednesday, the 22nd of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Eyre* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Thomas Fifher*, jun. is ſeized, and for ſettling certain Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found them to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Charles Carter*, of *King George*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to confirm to *George Marſhall* the Fee Simple Eſtate in certain Lands purchaſed by him of the Veſtry of *Hanover*, in the County of *King George*, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found them to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, that he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe Copies of the Records and Proceedings in the Suits now depending againſt the Securities of the late Treaſurer.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by Mr *Henry* and Mr *Eyre*.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer*,[1] was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Starke* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, prohibiting the tending of Tobacco-Seconds, Slips, or Suckers, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal an Act of the General Aſſembly, exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County from the Payment of Ferriage, on certain Days: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Harriſon* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs of Monday laſt (that his Excellency the Governor would uſe his kind Offices with his Majeſty to iſſue his Royal Proclamation for permitting Copper Money to be brought in, and paſs in this Colony) had

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 211.

had been preſented to his Excellency; and that he had directed him to acquaint the Houſe, that he would write to *England* by the firſt Opportunity, and uſe all his Intereſt to obtain what the Houſe deſired.

A *Petition* of *Philip Johnſon*, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that under the Laſt Will and Teſtament of *Thomas Bray*, Gentleman, deceaſed, and a decree of the General Court, and ſeveral Conveyances executed purſuant thereto, the Petitioner is ſeized, for the Term of his natural Life, of and in a Dwelling-Houſe, and Three Hundred and Twelve Acres of Land, adjoining the City of *Williamſburg*, of a Moiety of four Lots or half Acres of Land, lying in the ſaid City, and of a Tract of Land called *Tutty's Neck*, lying in the County of *James City*, and containing Six Hundred Acres, together with ſeveral Slaves; of which Lands and Slaves, charged with the Payment of Five Hundred Pounds to the Petitioner's Daughter *Elizabeth*, he hath Power to diſpoſe to and among his younger Children by his late Wife *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of the ſaid *Thomas Bray;* and that having ſix of ſuch younger Children, ſome of whom will ſoon have Occaſion of ſome Proviſion, if the Petitioner ſhould be obliged to make a Partition of the ſaid Lands and Lots among them, the Whole would be rendered by ſuch minute Diviſions of much leſs Value than it now is, and it would be for their Intereſt, as well as his, that the ſaid Lands and Lots ſhould be ſold, and the Money placed in the Hands of Truſtees, who may, in the firſt Place, pay the ſaid Five Hundred Pounds to the Daughter *Elizabeth*, when payable, and the Intereſt of the Surplus to the Petitioner's Truſtees, during his Life, and the Principal, at his Death, to his younger Children, as he
71 ſhall appoint, purſuant to his Power aforeſaid; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe, under ſuch Regulations as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem proper.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Treaſurer* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; to ſell Part of his Lands, for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Veſtry of *Saint Mark's* Pariſh, in the County of *Culpeper*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Veſtry of *Meherrin* Pariſh, in the County of *Brunſwick*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to divide the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William;* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided by a Line to be run from *Moſby's* Ferry, on *James* River, to the Mouth of *Swan's* Creek, on *Appomattox* River, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the ſaid County of *Cumberland*, in Oppoſition thereto, is reaſonable.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Bedford* and *Auguſta*, praying that an Inſpection of Tobacco may be appointed at the Town of *New-London*, in the ſaid County of *Bedford*, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe a Paper, intituled, '*The Repreſentation of Mr* Robinſon's *Adminiſtrators*.'

And the ſaid Paper was read.

The ſaid Paper is as followeth, *viz.*

To the Honourable the Speaker, and Houſe of Burgeſſes. The Repreſentation of Edmund Pendleton, *and* Peter Lyons, *Surviving Adminiſtrators of* John Robinſon, *Eſq; deceaſed; with his Will annexed:* Humbly ſheweth, 72

That your Memorialiſts, with the Honourable Peter Randolph, *Eſq; ſince deceaſed, having, on the death of the ſaid* John Robinſon, *late Treaſurer of this Colony, in the Year* 1766, *taken upon them the Adminiſtration of his Eſtate; and diſcovering, that large Sums of Money, collected by him, for Taxes appropriated for the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, had been, by the Perſuation and earneſt Solicitations of Perſons in great Diſtreſs, re-emitted, and lent out to them, for their immediate Relief, they ſet themſelves, with the Aſſiſtance of the preſent Treaſurer, about forming a full Account of ſuch Money, that Juſtice might be done to the Public, in fixing the Sum to be accounted for: Which being done, and examined by the Houſe of Burgeſſes, in their Seſſion in* November 1766, *the Balance due from the late Treaſurer's Eſtate, was found to be* 100, 761 l. 7 s. 5 d. *ſome Additions to which have ſince been diſcovered, and added to the Account by the preſent Treaſurer and your Memorialiſts.*

That, as the Balance ſo due, was in the Hands of others, your Memorialiſts conſulted the Principal Debtors, who aſſured them, that if Three Years Time was allowed, they could, in that Period, fully pay in their Debts, ſo as to diſcharge the large Sum due to the Country: In Confidence of which, a Memorial was preſented to the then Houſe of Burgeſſes, by the Adminiſtrators, ſetting forth the State and Circumſtances of this unlucky Affair, and expreſſing their Hopes that they ſhould be able to collect, and pay into the Treaſury, annually, in each of the Three ſucceeding Years, a Third part of the Balance, ſo as to effect the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes by October *laſt, the Time appointed for their final Redemption. On Conſideration whereof, the Houſe was pleaſed to determine that the late Treaſurer's Eſtate ſhould pay Intereſt on the Balance found due from the Time of his Death; and to direct, that upon the Adminiſtrators confeſſing a Judgment for the ſaid Balance and Intereſt, Execution thereupon ſhould be ſtayed, as to ſo much as was to effect the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, until* October *laſt.*

That in this extenſive and laborious Adminiſtration, your Memorialiſts found great Difficulties; for they diſcovered, that in the Loan of the Money, their Teſtator, ſo far from taking Security, had, in few Inſtances, preſerved a Writing to aſcertain the Loan, and, in many, not even carried the Money to Account with the Borrower, expecting, as your Memorialiſts believe, to be ſoon repaid; ſo that rigorous Steps purſued with the Debtors, might have provoked them to make Uſe of all legal Objections, in which Caſe many of the Debts might probably have been loſt for Want of due Proof: They therefore, having employed a Gentleman of approved Diligence and Fidelity, to aſſiſt them, endeavoured to form juſt and 73 *regular Accounts againſt the Debtors, from the ſeveral Books, Papers, and Memorandums, which came to their Hands, and to get ſuch Accounts liquidated and acknowledged as faſt as they could, to avoid Diſputes, in which they found the Debtors generally diſpoſed to do Juſtice; ſo that, from ſettled Accounts, a larger Sum appeared to be due to the Teſtator than was mentioned in the former Memorial.*

That, on the Subject of Payment, the Debtors claimed the ſame Indulgence as had been extended to the Teſtator's Eſtate by the Houſe; and, though your Memorialiſts conceived that the intention of the Houſe in that Indulgence, was to avoid the Neceſſity of haſty and precipitate

precipitate Sales of the Eſtates of the Teſtator and his Debtors, more likely to defeat than effect the Payment, yet they would have choſen to retain the Power of compelling the annual Payment of ſuch Proportions of the Debts, as would anſwer their Intention of paying One Third yearly to the Country; but, from the Delays in moſt of the Courts of Juſtice, they were apprehenſive the whole Time might elapſe before their Suits could be brought to Determination; beſides, the great Expence that would neceſſarily attend ſuch a Number of Suits, would increaſe Debts, already too large to be eaſily collected. Under theſe Circumſtances, your Memorialiſts thought it beſt to accept of the Propoſals of moſt of the Debtors, to confeſs Judgments, ſtaying Execution until October *laſt, and their Promiſes to pay due Proportions in the mean Time.*

That your Memorialiſts have conſtantly kept the Gentleman before named, employed on high Wages, and have exerted every Effort of Perſuation, with Threats, in order to obtain the Payment, and are concerned to ſay, they have only been able to collect and pay into the Treaſury, the Sum of 5,399 l. 2 s. 3 d. *for the Principal and Intereſt due on Account of the Public Fund, and the Sum of* 15, 286 l. 7 s. 2 d. *on Account of the Money appropriated for the Redemption of Paper Bills, although to aſſiſt ſuch Payment, they have ſold all the Houſehold Furniture, about One Hundred and Fifty Slaves, and ſome of their Teſtator's Lands. That the outſtanding Debts, yet due to their Teſtator, moſtly ſecured by Judgments and Truſt-Deeds, impowering Sales, and which, in the Opinion of the Memorialiſts, are ſeparate, amount to* 95,313 l. 1 s. 5 d. *on Bonds, for Sales made by them, or others for them, to* 6,071, l. 10 s. *That the Debts which are doubtful and diſputed, amount to* 19,250 l. 18 s. 4 d. *and the Lands, Slaves, and Stocks of the Teſtator's, in their Hands, are as follows, viz.*

In KING *and* QUEEN	*HANOVER*	*SPOTSYLVANIA*
6300 *Acres of Land.*	3866 *Acres of Land.*	4700 *Acres of Land.*
125 *Slaves.*	56 *Slaves.*	26 *Slaves.*
320 *Head of Cattle.*	140 *Head of Cattle.*	50 *Head of Cattle.*
270 *Hogs.*	180 *Hogs.*	90 *Hogs.*
67 *Sheep.*	54 *Sheep.*	30 *Sheep.*
14 *Horſes.*	7 *Horſes.*	6 *Horſes.*

CAROLINE	*KING WILLIAM*	*JAMES CITY*
1500 *Acres of Land.*	640 *Acres of Land.*	400 *Acres of Land.*
24 *Slaves.*	22 *Slaves.*	*About* 30 *Slaves.*
40 *Head of Cattle.*	54 *Head of Cattle.*	*Houſehold furniture lent*
75 *Hogs.*	70 *Hogs.*	*Mrs.* Chiſwell, *by the Will.*
18 *Sheep.*	2 *Horſes.*	
6 *Horſes.*		

Beſides the Ordinary, called Doncaſtle's, Meriwether's *Warehouſes, and Lands adjoin-*
74 *ing, a Share in the Grant of the* Diſmal Swamp, *a Share of the Lands belonging to the* Lead-Mine *Company, and ſome Lots and Houſes in* Williamſburg.

That your Memorialiſts have come to a Reſolution to ſell immediately, the greater Part of their Teſtator's Eſtate, and to proceed to levy their Executions, and enforce Payments as faſt as poſſible; but, as the Time of ſtaying the Execution for the Debt due to the Country, is now expired; and, that Execution muſt be iſſued, without the Interpoſition of this Houſe,

Your Memorialiſts beg Leave to repreſent, that ſuch Execution, beſides the enormous Fees that will accrue to the Sheriffs, muſt, in its Nature, occaſion Sales very diſadvantageous and injurious to the Securities, to the private Creditors, whoſe Debts are poſtponed to that of the Country, and to the innocent Family of the Teſtator.

Your Memorialiſts have thus laid their whole Conduct and a State of Things before the Houſe, and humbly ſubmit to their Wiſdom and Juſtice, to determine what is moſt fit to be done therein; hoping they ſhall not incur the Cenſure of having abuſed or trifled with the former Indulgence, ſince they have done the beſt in their Power to accompliſh the End propoſed; and can, with Truth, ſay, there is nothing temporal, they ſo earneſtly deſire, as to

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finiſh this arduous Adminiſtration, in the moſt ſpeedy Manner a due Regard to Juſtice, and the Intereſt of all concerned, will admit of.

Ordered, That the ſaid Paper do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Claim* of Major *John Robinſon*, for 12 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 *d.* which he had paid to a Phyſician for Viſits made, and Medicine adminiſtered to, and Attendance on a Negro Man Slave of the Claimant, during his Impriſonment in the Gaol of *Glouceſter* County, to which he was committed, charged with Felony, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Buckingham*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that an additional Bounty on Hemp would encourage the making greater Quantities of that Commodity, which would be beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Colony, and advantageous to the Commerce of *Great-Britain;* and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for the Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Beaſley*, of the County of *Buckingham*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that a Runaway Negro Woman Slave of the Petitioner, having been outlawed, was diſabled by a Tree which fell upon her as ſhe lay hid, and was afterwards burned to death; and praying the Houſe to make him ſuch Allowance for the ſaid Negro as ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Upon a *Motion* made.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Maſters of Veſſels, and others, from ſelling ſpirituous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in ſmall Quantities; and that M^r *Archibald Cary* and M^r *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

M^r *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Order,

An Account of Arrears due from the ſeveral Collectors of the Land and Poll-Tax, and the Tax on Wheel-Carriages, taken from their ſeveral Accounts, as ſtated at the Public Treaſury, and where no Accounts have been made up in each Year, extracted from Accounts of former Years, which are noted thus O: *And alſo*

A Liſt of Judgments obtained againſt the ſeveral Sheriffs.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee who are appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts.

A *Bill* to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin, in Caſes of Diſtreſs for Rents, in this Colony, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels, in the County of *Accomack*, was read the third Time.

The *Amendment* following was propoſed to be made to the Bill, *viz.* Line 25, To leave out, '*and from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, and no longer.*'

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act* [1] *for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That M^r *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 389.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Edward Weſtmore* to be allowed an Addition to his Salary, as Public Gaoler, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 15 *l.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Chriſtian* to be reimburſed the Bounty paid to the Soldier therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 2 *l.* for the ſame.

76 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Benjamin Grub* to be allowed for the Damages he ſuſtained by the *Virginia* Troops, in the Year 1755, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Poindexter* and *John Apperſon*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Littlepage's* Warehouſes, in *New-Kent* County, to be reimburſed for the Tobacco therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of 43 *l.* 9 *s.* 7 *d.* for the ſame.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an additional Salary of Fifteen Pounds *per Annum*, be paid to *Edward Weſtmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, to continue till the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 23rd of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of *James Scott*, Clerk, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that Paſſengers from *Kennedy's*, in *Maryland*, over *Potowmack* River, are frequently put on Shore at *Dipple*, the Petitioner's Land, in the County of *Stafford;* and therefore praying that the Petitioner may be permitted to keep a Ferry from his Landing at *Dipple*, to *Kennedy's* aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee who were appointed to examine into the State of the Funds ariſing from the ſeveral Duties and Taxes impoſed for the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, as alſo to ſtate an Account of the Debt due from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer, with the ſeveral Payments made by his Adminiſtrators ſince the laſt Settlement in General Aſſembly, that the Committee had accordingly examined the Matters to them referred, and had directed him to report the ſame, as they appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your Committee, that on the 6th of *April*, 1768, the Day to which the State of the Public Funds was brought down, there remained of the Treaſury Notes, in Circulation

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 210.

Circulation, the Sum of 170,419 *l.* 16 *s.* 1 *d.* of which there was burnt and deſtroyed by the Committee, the ſame Day, the Sum of 638 *l.* 14 *s.* That there has been ſince burnt and deſtroyed by the Committee, appointed by Act of the General Aſſembly, the farther Sum of 29,263 *l.* 16 *s.* 7 *d.* and that there appears to be in the Treaſurer's Hands at this Time, the Sum of 12,802 *l.* 18 *s.* 8 *d.* received for Taxes, appropriated to the Redemption of Treaſury Notes; ſo that there now remains in Circulation, the Sum of 127,714 *l.* 6 *s.* 10 *d.*

It likewiſe appears to your Committee, that there is ſtill due from the Eſtate 77
of the late Treaſurer, the principal Sum of 99,395 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* from the different Sheriffs, the Sum of 34,151 *l.* 6 *s.* 5 *d.* and from the Inſpectors and the County Court Clerks, about the Sum of 2000 *l.* though your Committee cannot be exact as to the Arrears, as ſome of the Collectors have not yet made a final Settlement of their Accounts.

Your Committee find, that at the laſt Settlement made in General Aſſembly, there was due from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer, the Sum of 9,939 *l.* 11 *s.* 8 *d.* for Intereſt to the 10th of *May*, 1768, that the farther Sum of Intereſt, to the 10th of this Inſtant, amounts to 7459 *l*, 13 *s.* 9 *d.* that there has been paid into the Public Treaſury, by the Adminiſtrators of the late Treaſurer, from the 7th of *May*, 1768, incluſive, the Sum of 15,286 *l.* 7 *s.* 2 *d.* ſo that the Balance ſtill due from the Eſtate, amounts to 101,508 *l.* 15 *s.* 9 *d.* of which 2,112 *l.* 18 *s.* 3 *d.* is Intereſt.

Upon the whole, it appears to your Committee, that the Funds appropriated for the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, when the arrears are paid, will exceed the Sum in Circulation 7,832 *l.* 17 *s.* 1 *d.* which your Committee are hopeful will be amply ſufficient to make good any Loſſes that may happen in the ſaid Arrears, and all Expences attending the Collection thereof; add to this the ſeveral Treaſury Notes, which have been loſt and deſtroyed, which your Committee are of the Opinion will prove a conſiderable Saving to the Country, though they cannot pretend to fix the Amount of the ſame. Your Committee, therefore, humbly give it as their Opinion, that the Intereſt ariſing from the late Treaſurer's Debt, ſince the 10th of *May*, 1768, may very properly and ſafely be applied to the Credit of the Public Account, eſpecially as the Public Faith is engaged to make good every Deficiency that can poſſibly ariſe. For the better Illuſtration of this Report your Committee beg Leave to refer to the annexed Accounts.

Your Committee have alſo proceeded to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, but not having yet had Time to finiſh them, beg Leave to refer the Houſe to their future Report.

Dr.....The Colony of *Virginia* for Redemption of Treaſury Notes.....Cr

1768.	£ s d	1768.	£ s d
April 6. To Balance of Notes in Circulation as per Settlement in General Aſſembly at this Time	170,419.16. 1	*April* 6. By Notes burnt this Day	638.14.00
		July 27. By do do	8,419.10. 7
		Dec. 29. By do do	9,953.15. 9
		1769.	
		June 28. By do do	10,890.10. 3
		By Caſh received of the different Collectors and of Mr *Robinſon's* Adminiſtrators, to this Day,.....	12,802.18. 8
		By Balance ſtill remaining in Circulation	127,714. 6.10
			£170,419.16. 1

To

	£ s d		£ s d
To Balance *per* Contra ..	127, 714. 6.10	By the Principal Debts due from the late Treaſurer's Eſtate.....	99, 395. 17. 6
To Balance	7, 832. 17. 1	By Balances due from the ſeveral Sheriffs.....	34. 151. 6. 5
	£135, 547. 3.11	By Ditto due from the Inſpectors and Clerks, as nearly as they can be adjuſted,.....	2, 000. 0. 0
			£135, 547. 3.11

78 Dr.....The Eſtate of *John Robinſon*, Eſq;.....Cr

	£ s d				£ s d
To Balance reported	99, 395. 17. 6	1768.			
To Intereſt on Ditto to 10th of *May*, 1768	9, 939. 11. 8	*May* 7.	By Caſh of the Adminiſtrators....		123. 17. 0
	£109, 335. 9. 2	*June* 22.	By	do of do	541. 8. 0
		Oct. 22.	By	do of do	24. 6. 5
		Nov. 4.	By	do of do	1, 153. 0. 0
		23.	By	do of do	731. 10. 9
		1769.			
		May 12.	By	do of do	3, 865. 16. 8
		June 24.	By	do of do	2, 526. 2. 2
		Aug. 31.	By	do of do	40. 8. 6
		Oct. 14.	By	do of do	51. 1. 6
		30.	By	do of do	29. 16. 3
		30.	By	do of do	604. 3. 3
		Nov. 2.	By	do of do	248. 1. 2
					9, 939. 11. 8
			Balance, ...		99, 395. 17. 6
					£109, 335. 9. 2

	£ s d				£ s d
To Balance	99, 395. 17. 6	*Nov.* 2.	By Caſh of the Adminiſtrators...		520. 5. 6
To 18 Months Intereſt to the 10th of *November*, 1769	7, 459. 13. 9	4.	By	do of do	4, 522. 10. 0
		6.	By	do of do	304. 0. 0
			Balance		101, 508. 15. 9
	£106, 855. 11. 3				£106, 855. 11. 3

To Balance.....£101, 508. 15. 9

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Henry* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs of Yeſterday (that his Excellency the Governor would be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe Copies of the Records, and Proceedings in the Suits now depending againſt the Securities of the late Treaſurer) had been preſented to his Excellency; and that he had diſired him to acquaint this Houſe, that he will give Directions accordingly.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a bill for better regulating the Collection of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for reimburſing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover* Counties the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Perſons, of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the large Extent of the ſaid Pariſh; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for dividing the ſaid Pariſh, by a Line beginning at the Place where the Line of *Caroline* County croſſes the River *Po*, and running up the ſaid River to the Mouth of the Run called the *Robinſon*, and continuing thence up the ſaid River, whereon *John Mitchell's* Mill ſtands, until it interſects the Line of *Orange* County; and for ſubjecting the Tithables of the ſaid Pariſh, as it now is, to the Expences of building a new Church, and repairing *Pamunkey* Chapel, in the ſaid Pariſh: *And alſo*

Several *Petitions* of ſundry Perſons of the Pariſh of *St. George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, were preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application 79
intended to be made to the Houſe for dividing the ſaid Pariſh, and ſetting forth that a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, at this Time, is unreaſonable; and therefore praying that the ſaid Pariſh may not be divided; or if it is divided, that it may be by a Line from *Rappahannock* River to *Pamunkey* River, and that the Diviſion may not take Place in leſs than three Years.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for dividing the County of *Auguſta* is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for adding to the County of *Albemarle* the ſeveral Iſlands in the *Fluvanna* River adjacent to the ſaid County of *Albemarle*.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſundry Militia Accounts, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

On Conſideration of ſundry Militia Accounts aſſigned to Mr *Robert Rutherford*, for Pay for a Detachment of Militia, ordered out by Col. *Adam Stephen*, to ſuppreſs and take ſome Negroes who it was ſuſpected had aſſembled and deſinged an Inſurrection, it appears to your Committee, that Col. *Stephen*, upon Notice thereof, ordered out an Enſign, with thirteen armed Men of the Militia, who lived betwixt Thirty-ſix and Forty Miles from the Place where the ſaid Negroes were ſaid to have aſſembled, to take and carry them to a Magiſtrate, to be examined. In Conſequence whereof, it appears, that the ſaid Detachment of Militia did apprehend ſome of the ſaid Slaves, and carried them before a Magiſtrate, who upon Examination, finding there was no Foundation for the Alarm, diſcharged them. It further appears, that the ſaid Detachment were Seven Days on that Duty, when there might have been one ordered out of the Neighborhood, where the ſaid Negroes were ſuppoſed to have met, that would have performed the Services required in One or Two Days, without being entitled to any Pay for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Accounts are juſt; and that the ſaid *Robert Rutherford* ought to be allowed Two Shillings for the Enſign, and One Shilling for each Soldier, *per* Day, for the Time they were on Duty, amounting in the Whole to the Sum of 5 *l.* 5 *s.* for their Pay, as aforeſaid.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Dudley Digges* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of Three Thouſand Acres of Land, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned: And the ſame was received.

And

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be now read: It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

80 Mr *Henry* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Order, Copies of the Records and Proceedings in the Suits now depending againſt the Securities of the late Treaſurer.

And the ſaid Records were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Records do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the State of the Debt due from *John Robinſon*, Eſq; deceaſed, late Treaſurer of this Colony, to the Public;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the State of the Debt due from *John Robinſon*, Eſq; deceaſed, late Treaſurer of this Colony, to the Public.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee who were appointed to examine into the State of the Funds ariſing from the ſeveral Duties and Taxes impoſed for the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, an alſo to ſtate an Account of the Debt due from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer, with the ſeveral Payments made by his Adminiſtrators ſince the laſt Settlement in General Aſſembly, which was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Copies of the Records and Proceedings in the Suits now depending againſt the Securities of the late Treaſurer, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Paper intituled, "*The Repreſentation of* Mr Robinſon's *Adminiſtrators*," which was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Matters referred to them, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the moſt effectual Methods ought to be taken to recover the Debts due to the Public, as well thoſe from the late Treaſurer, as from the ſeveral Sheriffs, and others, who are in Arrears.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that unleſs the Adminiſtrators of the late Treaſurer ſhall, within four Months, ſell and diſpoſe of their Teſtator's Eſtate, except his Widow's Dower in the Lands, for a Year's Credit, in order to diſcharge the Debt due from him to the Public, then, after that Time, the Treaſurer do take out Executions on the Judgments againſt the ſaid Adminiſtrators, and proceed to ſell the ſaid Eſtate.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 24th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

81 A *Petition* of *John Bailey*, Guardian of *Jeremiah Garland Bailey*, an Infant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that an Inſpection being eſtabliſhed on the Land of the ſaid *Jeremiah Garland Bailey*, in 1762, the Petitioner employed one *Daniel Bennett* to build the Warehouſes; that the Undertaker not having compleated the Houſes in Time to receive Tobacco that Year, the Petitioner delivered up the ſaid Warehouſes to *Weſtmoreland* County Court, who appointed three

three Magiſtrates to value the ſaid Houſes, and an Acre of the Land they ſtood upon; that the ſaid three Magiſtrates valued the Workmanſhip and Materials to Seventy Pounds, and the Land to Three Pounds, out of which Valuation they allowed to the Proprietor Five Pounds for Timber; and that the ſaid *Bennett* refuſing to accept the Sixty-five Pounds, commenced Suit in the General Court againſt the Petitioner, and recovered 85 *l.* 15 *s.* 9 *d.* and 3968 Pounds of Tobacco, beſides 59 *l.* 15 *s.* 11 *d.* paid before the Trial of the Suit; and therefore praying the Houſe to reimburſe the Money the Petitioner had been obliged to pay more than he received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Another Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *New Kent*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Profits of their Orchards are conſiderably diminiſhed by the Reſtrictions of the Act for regulating Ordinaries, and Reſtraint of Tippling Houſes; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs allowing them to ſell Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, by Retail, ſo as the Liquor be not drank at the Houſe or Plantation where it is made.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

M^r *Eyre* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to impower the Church-Wardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to leaſe certain Lands therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table, where the Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of *Chriſtopher Lawſon* and *Daniel Lawſon*, Inſpectors at the Upper and 82
Lower Warehouſes on *Totaſkey* Creek, in the County of *Richmond*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that ſeveral Parcels of Tobacco were ſtolen from under Prize, at the ſaid Warehouſes, which the Petitioners were obliged to make good to the Proprietors; and therefore praying to be relieved.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

M^r *Harriſon* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

M^r *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for clearing a Road from *Payne's Run*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to *Thurman's*, in the County of *Albemarle;* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Francis Gaines* and *Thomas Dudley*, Inſpectors at *Shephard's* and *Turner's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King & Queen*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Nights of the 10^th^ and 17^th^ Days of *June* laſt, the Windows of the Warehouſe at *Turner's* were broke, and 1200 lbs. of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Houſe; and therefore praying to be relieved by the General Aſſembly.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VII, p. 580.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Trade, to whom a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act* [1] *to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers;* and alſo a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act* [2] *to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own uſe, to pay a Duty*, were committed, that they do alter and make both the ſaid bills into one.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to lay an additional Duty on Slaves: And that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to repeal the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds, Slips, or Suckers, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [3] *to relieve the People from the Expence attending the Execution of the Laws prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds.*

Ordered, That Mr *Starke* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

83 A *Bill* to dock the Intail of Three Thouſand Acres of Land, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, which was Yeſterday received, and ordered to lie upon the Table, was read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *David Garland* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is ſeized, as Tenant in Fee Tail, of two Tracts of Land, containing together 2046 Acres, in the County of *Lunenburg;* together with ſeveral Slaves thereunto annexed; but that the ſaid Slaves are not ſufficient to cultivate the ſaid Lands; and therefore praying that 378 Acres, Part of the ſaid Lands, may be veſted in the Petitioner in Fee Simple, and the Value thereof laid out in purchaſing of Slaves, to be annexed to the Reſidue of the ſaid Lands, for the immediate Advantage of the Heir apparent.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Carrington* and Mr *Munford* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over upon *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Gray* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Wedneſday* next.

Mr *Archibald Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act* [4] *for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Warwick *in the County of* Henrico; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Tax upon Dogs; and that Mr *Nelſon* and Mr *Waſhington* do prepare, and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Beaſley* to be allowed for the Slave therein mentioned, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Alexander Waugh*, Jun. to be reimburſed the Bounty for the Recruit therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds for the ſame.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 190. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 191. [3] Not recorded as a law.
[4] Not in Hening. See Acts of Aſſembly, ed. 1752, p. 411. Title only.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for a Fortnight.

Ordered, That Mr *John Wilſon*, of *Norfolk*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Trent* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for a Fortnight.

Ordered, That Mr *Ackiſs* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Fortnight.

Ordered, That Mr *Read* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Tueſday* Fortnight. 81

An ingroſſed *Bill* for preventing and ſuppreſſing private Lotteries, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for preventing and ſuppreſſing private Lotteries.*

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration a Petition of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Spotſylvania*, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as prays that Courts Martial for the ſaid County may be held at a convenient Place near the Center of the County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as prays that the General Muſters of the ſaid County may be held at the Center of the ſaid County, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the *thirteenth* Reſolution of the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, which was agreed to by the Houſe upon *Saturday* laſt was Sevennight, that they make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for holding Courts Martial for the County of *Spotſylvania*, near the Center of the County.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Thomas Harriſon*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Marſhall*, and Mr *James Scott*, to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Fauquier*, and had directed him to report the Matter, as it appeared to them, together with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your Committee, that Mr *Marſhall*, by Commiſſion, dated the 20th of *October* 1767, was appointed Sheriff of the ſaid County: That he qualified himſelf in that Office, and acted by his Deputies, except in particular Caſes, which required him to act himſelf: That in the Month of *June* laſt, Mr *Marſhall* declared his Intentions of ſtanding a Candidate at the next Election for the ſaid County, and continued ſuch his Intention until the 23d of *Auguſt*, when he, as Sheriff, received the Writ of Election, appointed the 18th Day of *September* for holding the ſame, and cauſed due Publication thereof to be made. That on the 2d Day of *September*, Mr *William Euſtace* having received a Commiſſion from the Governor, to be Sheriff of the ſaid County, was duly qualified in that Office, and held the Election on the Day appointed, when the Numbers on the Cloſe of the Poll, ſtood thus: 85

For Mr *Marſhall*, 329
Mr *Scott*, 273
Mr *Harriſon*, 196

Whereupon

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 353.

Whereupon, Mr *Euſtace* returned the ſitting Members, as duly elected for the ſaid County.

It further appears to your Committee, that Mr *Marſhall* having been informed, that Mr *Harriſon* had declared, that although a Majority of the reſident Freeholders ſhould be againſt him, yet, as there were about Seventy Freeholders in the adjacent Counties, he would ſummon them, none of whom would vote for Mr *Marſhall;* and having reaſon to believe, that the ſaid 18th Day of *September* was fixed as the Day of Election for the County of *Stafford*, Mr *Marſhall* did declare he thought himſelf juſtifiable in appointing the *Fauquier* Election to be on the ſame Day; and accordingly did ſo appoint it. That the Freeholders attended, or might have done ſo, from the adjacent Counties, except *Stafford*, in which County it appears there are about 20 Perſons entitled to vote in *Fauquier*, many of whom, there is good Reaſon to believe, would have voted for Mr *Marſhall*.

It does not appear to the Committee, that any undue Practices were uſed by Mr *Marſhall*, in his Office as Sheriff, in order to influence Votes in the ſaid Election.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Mr *Marſhall*, in appointing the Election for the ſaid County, on the ſame Day of the *Stafford* Election, with a View to Prevent the Inhabitants of *Stafford* from voting at the *Fauquier* Election, acted improperly; but, as it appears that ſuch his Conduct had no Effect upon the Election for *Fauquier*.

Reſolved, therefore, That Mr *Marſhall*, and Mr *Scott*, are duly elected to ſerve as Burgeſſes for the ſaid County.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Oſborne* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Tueſday* Sevennight.

A *Claim* of *Joſeph Pollard*, for a Gun impreſſed from him, by the Commanding Officer of *Culpeper* County, for the Uſe of the Militia thereof, which had been appraiſed to Thirty-five Shillings, and which had never been returned to him, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Randolph* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till the fifteenth Day of next Month.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till the twelfth Day of next Month.

A *Claim* of *Adam Wayland*, for a Gun impreſſed from him, in the Year 1764, for the Uſe of the *Culpeper* Militia, which had been appraiſed to Thirty Shillings, and for which he had not received any Satiſfaction, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

86 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Petition* of *John Scott* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner was one of the Deputy-Sheriffs of the County of *King and Queen*, in the Year 1765, when the Country Levy of 46 lbs. of Tobacco, *per* Poll, was collected; and that, in Conſequence of the ſaid Aſſeſſment on the Tithables of the ſaid County, the Petitioner had been obliged to pay to the late Treaſurer, 2254 lbs. of nett Tobacco, for 49 Tithables belonging to Col. *Bernard Moore's* Forge, which the Petitioner conceived were exempted by Law; and therefore praying that he may be reimburſed the ſaid 2254 lbs. of Tobacco.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday

Saturday, the 25th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR. *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin, in Caſes of Diſtreſs for Rents in this Colony, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for dividing the County of *Auguſta*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Merchants, trading to and from the Town of *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this Houſe, for appointing another Inſpection of Tobacco in *Dumfries*, at the upper End of the Town; and ſetting forth that another Inſpection there is unneceſſary, and if it were neceſſary, that a Place on the Creek below the Town, is more proper for that Purpoſe than any at the upper End of the Town; and therefore praying that no other Inſpection be appointed in the ſaid Town, or that it may be at the Place pointed out by the Petition; *and alſo*, 87

A *Petition* of ſeveral Freeholders, Inhabitants of the Town of *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, in Oppoſition to the Petition of the Merchants of the ſaid Town, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth that another Inſpection, on *Quantico* Creek, on the Lots, Numbers 171 and 172, in the ſaid Town, would be advantageous to the Petitioners, and to the Inhabitants of *Prince William*, and other Counties; and alledging that the Place propoſed by the ſaid Merchants for ſuch Inſpection to be very inconvenient; and therefore praying that another Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed on the ſaid Lots.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Carrington* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *David Garland* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, and Mr *Blair*, be added to the Committee who are appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr *Alexander* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Paramore* be added to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances, and Public Claims.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for eſtabliſhing a Town in the County of *Pittſylvania;* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come

come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New Kent* County, praying that an Act may paſs to impower them to ſell Cider and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, by Retail; ſo as the ſame are not drank at their Houſes or Plantations, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Buckingham* County, praying an additional Bounty of Hemp, be rejected.

88 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Merchants and Traders of the Town of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying that ſome Method may be fallen upon, to prevent the running of Spirituous Liquors from *Maryland* and *Pennſylvania*, into the back Counties of this Colony, is reaſonable.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

And the *Queſtion* being put that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution:

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New-Kent* County, praying that an Act may paſs to empower them to ſell Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, by Retail, ſo as the ſame be not drank at their Houſes or Plantations, is reaſonable.

The ſubſequent *Reſolutions* of the Committee being ſeverally read the ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to impower the Inhabitants of *New-Kent* County, to ſell Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, by Retail, ſo as the ſame be not drank at their Houſes or Plantations: And that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, and which hath been agreed to by the Houſe; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to compel Ships, infected with the Gaol-Fever, or Small-Pox, to perform Quarentine; and that Mr *Baſſett*, and Mr *Treaſurer*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Stith* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevenight.

Ordered, That Mr *Bridger* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Saturday* next.

A *Claim* of *Thomas M'Neill*, of *Hampſhire* County, for his Pay as a Voluntier in the *Hampſhire* Militia, in the Year 1764, omitted by Miſtake to be allowed by the Commiſſioners, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Petition* of *John Rootes*, of the County of *Glouceſter*, and *Sarah*, his Wife, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are ſeized in Fee Tail, in Right of the Wife, of a Tract of Land, containing Five Hundred Acres, or thereabouts, in the Pariſh of *Ware*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, and of Two other Tracts of Land, one containing Two Hundred Acres, and the other Four Hundred and Eighty-five Acres, lying near, or contiguous to each Other, and in the Pariſh of *Petſworth*, in the ſaid County of *Glouceſter;* and have not a ſufficient Number of Slaves to cultivate all of the ſaid Lands; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for veſting the ſaid Land in the
89 Pariſh of *Ware*, in Truſtees, and enabling them to ſell the ſame, and lay out, the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in Slaves, to be annexed to the ſaid Lands in *Petſworth*, in Fee Tail.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Dixon* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Several

Several *Claims* of *William Weſtfall*, *Michael Buſh*, *John Robinſon*, *Henry Delloy*, *Samuel Pringle*, *Daniel Shoehan*, junior, *David Corn*, *Edward Corn*, junior, *George Miller*, *John Bell*, *Garrett Reafner*, *John Ratan*, *Jacob Sinkes*, and *Abraham Blue*, of the *Hampſhire* Militia, for their Pay as Scouts employed on the Frontiers, this preſent Year, by Order of a Council of War, held in Purſuance of the Invaſion-Act: *And alſo*,

Several *Claims* of *William Foreman*, *Andrew Corn*, *Job Wilſon*, and *Jacob Sinkes*, for Proviſions furniſhed the Scouts ordered out on the Frontiers, from the *Hampſhire* Militia, this preſent Year;

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be ſeverally referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Upon a *Motion* made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer; and that Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Munford* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till the fifteenth Day of *December* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for ten Days.

Ordered, That Mr *Wallace* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for a Week.

An ingroſſed *Bill*, for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for appointing a Treaſurer*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [2] *for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for appointing a Treaſurer.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill*, to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act* [3] *for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [4] *to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees.*

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to impower the Churchwardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to leaſe certain Lands therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [5] *to impower the Churchwardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Hungars, *in the County of* Northampton, *to leaſe certain Lands therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill*, for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act* [6] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſion and Inſurrections, into one Act*, was read the third Time. 90

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [7] *for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Thomas Fiſher*, junior, is ſeized, and for ſettling certain Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [8] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Thomas Fiſher, Jun, *is ſeized, and for ſettling certain Slaves, of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered

[1] Hening, VII, p. 466. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 395. [3] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 580. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 353. [5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 414. [6] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 106. [7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 334. [8] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 440.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and defire their Concurrence.

An ingroffed *Bill*, for exempting Free *Negro*, *Mulatto*, and *Indian* Women, from the Payment of Levies, was read the third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [1] *for exempting Free* Negro, Mulatto, *and* Indian *Women*, *from the Payment of Levies*.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and defire their Concurrence.

An ingroffed *Bill*, to confirm to *George Marfhall* the Fee-Simple Eftate in certain Lands purchafed by him of the Veftry of *Hanover* Parifh, in the County of *King-George*, was read the third Time.

An ingroffed *Claufe* was offered to be added to the Bill, by way of Ryder, for faving the Rights of Strangers.

And the faid *Claufe* was thrice read; and, upon the Queftion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houfe to be made Part of the Bill, by way of Ryder.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [2] *to confirm to* George Marfhall *the Fee-Simple Eftate in certain Lands purchafed by him of the Veftry of* Hanover *Parifh*, *in the County of* King-George.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, of *King-George*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and defire their Concurrence.

An ingroffed *Bill*, forfurther continuing, and amending the Act, intituled, *An Act* [3] *for increafing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the refpective Counties wherein the Services fhall be performed*, was read the third Time.

The Amendment following was propofed to be made to the Bill, *viz.*

Line 16, To leave out *fix*, and infert *four* inftead thereof.

And the faid *Amendment* was, upon the Queftion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houfe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [4] *for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for increafing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the refpective Counties wherein the Services fhall be performed.*

91 *Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and defire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, and Mr *Dixon*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

An ingroffed *Bill* for adding Part of the Parifh of *Southfarnham*, to the Parifh of *St. Anne*, was read the third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [5] *for adding Part of the Parifh of* Southfarnham *to the Parifh of* Saint Anne.

Ordered, That Mr *Treafurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and defire their Concurrence.

An ingroffed *Bill* for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramfay* is feized, to the Town of *Blandford*, was read the third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [6] *for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof* Patrick Ramfay *is feized, to the Town of* Blandford.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and defire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of Three Thoufand Acres of Land, whereof *Armiftead Lightfoot* is feized in Fee Tail, and vefting the fame in Truftees for the Purpofes therein mentioned, was read a fecond Time.

Refolved, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who ferve for the Counties of *York*, *Brunfwick*, *Suffex*, and *Surry*.

And then the Houfe adjourned till Monday Morning next, Eleven of the Clock.

Monday

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 393.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 438.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 147.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 388.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 406.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 413.

Monday, the 27th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

THE Houſe being informed that *David Meade* had not yet a legal Title to the Land in the County of *Halifax*, propoſed in the Petition, preſented to this Houſe upon *Thurſday*, the 16th Day of this Inſtant *November*, to be ſettled in Lieu of the Tract of Land in the County of *Northampton*, whereof the ſaid *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife, in her Right, are ſeized in Fee Tail;

Ordered, That the ſaid *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife, be at Liberty to withdraw their ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That the Order for bringing in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, be diſcharged.

A *Petition* of *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are ſeized, in Right of the Wife, as Tenant in Fee Tail, of and in a Tract of Land, in the County of *Northampton*, ſituate on *King's Creek* and the Bay of *Cheſapeak*, and containing 600 Acres; and that it will be greatly for the Advantage of the Petitioners and their poſterity to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands, and, in Lieu thereof, to ſettle other Lands, of equal or greater Value, in the County 92
of *Nanſemond*, whereof the ſaid *David Meade* is ſeized in Fee Simple, to the ſame Uſes; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Jefferſon*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Starke*, and Mr *Munford*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act* [1] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees*, was committed, that the Commitee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein, for the Paſſage of Fiſh; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Bill for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties, which, upon *Tueſday* the 21ſt Day of this Inſtant *November*, was committed to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, be tranſmitted to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the Pariſh of *Suffolk*, in the County of *Nanſemond*, on the Eaſt Side of the River, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Veſtry and Church-Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh have miſmanaged and miſapplied certain charitable Donations to the ſaid Pariſh; that the Act eſtabliſhing a free Ferry over *Nanſemond* River, hath not the good Effects intended by it; and that the Tithables in the ſaid Pariſh are now ſo numerous, that the ſaid Pariſh may conveniently be divided; and praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided by *Nanſemond* River, or elſe that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved; the ſaid Act eſtabliſhing the ſaid free Ferry, ſo far as it relates to all the Pariſhioners, except the Miniſter may be repealed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Commitee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Traders in Pork, Beef, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth

[1] Hening, V, p. 38.

forth, that the Act of Aſſembly for the Inſpection of thoſe Commodities is not ſufficient to anſwer the End thereby deſigned; and therefore praying that the ſaid Act may be amended.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin, in Caſes of Diſtreſs for Rents, in this Colony, was read the third Time.

93 *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [1] *to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin, in Caſes of Diſtreſs for Rent.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for dividing the County of *Auguſta*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act* [2] *for dividing the County and Pariſh of* Auguſta, *and for adding certain Iſlands in the* Fluvanna *River to the Counties of* Albemarle *and* Amherſt.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to impower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; to ſell Part of his Lands for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Nelſon*, and all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*.

A *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of *St. Mark's* Pariſh, in the County of *Culpeper*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of *Meherrin* Pariſh, in the County of *Brunſwick*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

A *Bill* to divide the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

A *Bill* to repeal an Act of the General Aſſembly, exempting the inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, from the Payment of Ferriage, on certain Days, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Mercer*, and Mr *Marable*.

A *Bill* for reimburſing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover* Counties the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Landswhere of *David Garland* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Brunſwick*, *Charlotte*, and *Lunenburg*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 332.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, 395.

Tuesday, the 28th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ANOTHER Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and alſo one other Act, made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the II. intituled, *An Act*[2] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, for Counties; and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Carrington* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *David Garland* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple; and for other purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read, and upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of *Richard Starke* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner had ſet on Foot Propoſals for printing and publiſhing a Directory to the Juſtices of Peace, to enable them more eaſily to diſcharge their Duty; but that many Gentlemen in that Office will not ſubſcribe to the Undertaking, and think it reaſonable that, as they act in it without Reward, they ſhould be furniſhed with neceſſary Books, at the Public Expence; and therefore praying the Houſe to determine what Number of the Books they will take, if the Work ſhall, upon Examination, be approved of, for the Uſe of the Public.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Jefferſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *David Meade* and *Sarah*, his Wife are ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands therein mentioned to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Meſſage* from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for appointing a Treaſurer, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[5] for dividing the County and Pariſh of *Auguſta;* and for adding certain Iſlands, in the *Fluvanna* River, to the Counties of *Albemarle* and *Amherſt, without any Amendment; And alſo*,

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[1] Hening, III, p.236. [2] *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 394. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 395. [5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 395.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] to confirm to *George Marſhall* the Fee Simple Eſtate in certain Lands purchaſed by him of the Veſtry of *Hanover*, in the County of *King George*, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Thomas Fiſher*, junior, is ſeized, and for ſettling Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for preventing and ſuppreſſing private Lotteries, *with ſome Amendments; to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying Three Hundred Pounds to* William Rind, Alexander Purdie, *and* John Dixon: *And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve *for paying* Edward Weſtmore *an additional Salary.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[4] *for preventing and ſuppreſſing private Lotteries.*

And the ſaid Amendments were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 10, after *thrown at*, inſert *any ſuch Lotteries.*

Line 11, leave out *ſuch Lotteries.*

The ſaid Amendments being ſeverally read a ſecond time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee appointed upon *Friday*, the 17th Day of this Inſtant *November*, to draw up an Addreſs and Memorial, to be preſented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Addreſs and Memorial accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Addreſs and Memorial in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

My Lord,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *having, agreeable to our former Aſſurances, maturely and deliberately conſidered your Excellency's Speech, beg Leave to renew our unfeigned Thanks for his Majeſty's kind Attention to the Intereſts of this Colony, in ſo readily approving the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantations, in Favour of a more extended Boundary to the Weſtward. We are perſuaded that his Majeſty's ſole Motive for ſo doing aroſe from his moſt gracious Inclination to Promote the Security and Happineſs of his dutiful Subjects; but permit us, my Lord, with all Humility and Deference to his Royal Wiſdom, by an humble Memorial, to expreſs our Apprehenſions that his Majeſty hath not yet been made properly and fully acquainted with the true Situation of our Frontiers; and ſuffer us to intreat your Lordſhip,*
98 *that you will be pleaſed to lay before our Royal Sovereign, a more perfect State of the Matter, and endeavour to procure for this Colony ſuch farther Indulgencies, in enlarging its Boundary, as to his Majeſty, in his great Wiſdom, may ſeem juſt and right. On our Parts, we do aſſure your Excellency, that we ſhall, at all Times, be ready and willing chearfully to comply with every Requiſition in our Power, that may tend to promote the Honour and Dignity of his Majeſty's Crown, the Extenſion of his Dominions, and the true Intereſts of this Colony.*

To his Excellency the Right Honourable Norborne, *Baron de* Botetourt, *his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 438. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 440. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p 353. [4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 353.

The MEMORIAL *of the* HOUSE *of* BURGESSES,

Humbly Repreſents,

That your Memorialiſts having paid the earlieſt Attention to your Lordſhip's Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion, have taken under their moſt ſerious Conſideration that very intereſting Part of it which relates to the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantations to his Majeſty, reſpecting the Extention of the Boundary of this Colony to the Weſtward; and as your Memorialiſts are extremely ſolicitous, on all Occaſions, to ſtand fair in the Royal Opinion of their moſt gracious Sovereign, they humbly preſume to lay before your Excellency their Reaſons for not immediately complying with his Majeſty's Requiſition, communicated to them by your Lordſhip in ſuch very polite and engaging Terms. Senſible as your Memorialiſts are of the many ſignal Advantages which would redound as well to his Majeſty as to ſeveral of his American *Coloniſts, they ſhould think themſelves blind to their Duty and Intereſt if they did not receive, with all Thankfulneſs, your Lordſhip's Information of the Benefits intended to them by his Majeſty's gracious Approval of a more extended Boundary, than had been propoſed by the Superintendant of* Indian *Affairs in the Southern Department; but they flatter themſelves that a Reviſion of the Subject, if his Majeſty would once more be pleaſed to condeſcend to take it under his Princely Conſideration, would convince his Majeſty that his moſt gracious Purpoſe cannot be anſwered by eſtabliſhing the Line propoſed.*

Your Memorialiſts beg Leave to obſerve that the ſaid Line, if extended from the Interſection of Holſton's *River, the Point, which would terminate the Line dividing this Colony from* North Carolina *to the Mouth of the great* Kanhaway, *would be near Two Hundred Miles in Length, and muſt paſs through a Country abounding with high and rugged Mountains, extremely difficult and dangerous of Acceſs, and interſected by many Water Courſes; that the preſent Poſture of* Indian *Affairs would make a ſtrong Guard of armed Men neceſſary for the Protection of thoſe who might be commiſſioned to run ſuch a Line, as it muſt neceſſarily paſs through a Country uninhabited, and through which thoſe* Indians, *who ſeem at preſent moſt inclined to Hoſtilities, do frequently take their Routs;*

That by eſtabliſhing ſuch a Line, a great Part of that moſt valuable Country, lying on the Ohio, *below the Mouth of the great* Kanhaway, *lately ceded to his Majeſty by the Northern* Indians, *would be ſeparated and divided from the* Britiſh *Territory, on the upper Part of* Holſton's *River, the great* Kanhaway, *and the* Ohio, *which your Memorialiſts humbly conceive muſt greatly impede, and may totally prevent the Settlement of that Fertile and extenſive Country, which, from its Situation and many natural Advantages, would open the faireſt Proſpect of a very beneficial Commerce to our Mother Country, by ſecuring to his Majeſty's Subjects a new and extenſive Trade with the ſeveral Tribes of Weſtern* Indians, *which has hitherto been almoſt engroſſed by the Subjects of* France; *and by this means many* Indian *Nations, heretofore living at Enmity with our moſt gracious Sovereign and his Subjects, might be made friendly and uſeful in extending the Trade and Navigation of* Great-Britain.

That your Memorialiſts have the greateſt Reaſon to fear that the ſaid Line, if confirmed, would conſtantly open to the Indians *and others, Enemies to his Majeſty, a free and eaſy Ingreſs to the Heart of the Country, on the* Ohio, Holſton's *River, and the great* Kanhaway, *whereby the Settlements, which may be attempted in thoſe Quarters, will, in all Probability, be utterly deſtroyed, and that great Extent of Country, from the Mouth of the* Kanhaway, *to the Mouth of the* Cherokee *River, extending Eaſtward as far as the* Lawrel Hills, *ſo very lately ceded to his Majeſty; and to which no Tribe of* Indians, *at preſent, ſets up any Pretenſions, will be entirely abandoned to the* Cherokees; *in Conſequence of which, Claims totally deſtructive of the true Intereſts of his Majeſty, may, at ſome future Time ariſe, and Acquiſitions juſtly ranked amongſt the moſt valuable of the late War, be altogether loſt.*

Your Memorialiſts further beg Leave to repreſent to your Lordſhip, that Lands, which have been granted by Patents regularly obtained, according to the known and fixed Rules of this Government, if the ſaid Line were to take Place, would be entirely diſmembered from this Colony, allotted to the Indians, *and entirely loſt to the Proprietors, who were authorized by Law, and encouraged by the Royal Inſtruction of his late Majeſty to his Governor, to explore and ſettle this new Country, at the Riſque of their Lives, and at a great Expence.*

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Your Memorialiſts, from theſe weighty Conſiderations, have been induced to extend their Views, and do humbly offer, as their Opinion, that a Line beginning at the Weſtern Termination of the North Carolina *Line, and running thence in a due Weſt Direction to the* 97 *River* Ohio, *may be accompliſhed at a much leſs Expence than the other Line propoſed; that the Extenſion of ſuch a Line is neceſſary for the Safety and Advantage of his Majeſty's Subjects, and that it would tend greatly to the Increaſe of his Majeſty's Revenue, and to the Promotion of the Trade and Navigation of the Weſtern Part of this Dominion, if a Purchaſe were made of the* Cherokee Indians *of all their Lands, which ſuch due Weſtern Line would include; eſpecially if his Majeſty would be greatly pleaſed, in his Royal Wiſdom, to diſcourage all Monopolies of thoſe Lands, and ſtrengthen our Barrier, by granting them, in ſmall or moderate Quantities, to ſuch Adventures as might incline to ſeat and ſettle the ſame.*

Your Memorialiſts, for the better Illuſtration of the foregoing Obſervations, beg Leave to lay before your Excellency as exact and perfect a Plan of that Part of the Country, as they at preſent are able to procure, and humbly ſubmit the whole Matter to your Excellency's Judgment.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs and Memorial be committed.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs and Memorial be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to the Governor.

Ordered, That the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which, upon *Friday* the 17th Day of this Inſtant *November*, were agreed to by the Houſe, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to the Governor.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 29th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

THE Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, was called over; and the Names of ſuch Members as made Default to appear were taken down.

Then the Names of ſuch Members as made Default to appear were again called over, and ſeveral of them appeared, and the reſt were excuſed.

A *Petition* of Mr *Willis Riddick* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a greater Number of legal Freeholders voted for the Petitioner at the laſt Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for the County of *Nanſemond*, than for Mr *Benjamin Baker*, who was returned duly elected, with Mr *Lemuel Riddick;* and therefore praying the Conſideration of the Houſe in the Premiſes.

98 *Ordered*, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take unto Conſideration the Report from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Funds ariſing from the ſeveral Duties and

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Taxes impoſed for the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes, as alſo to ſtate an Account, of the Debt due from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer, with the ſeveral Payments made by his Adminiſtrators, ſince the laſt Settlement in General Aſſembly, which, upon *Thurſday* laſt, was ordered to lie upon the Table.

And the ſaid Report being read, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Harriſon* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, and alſo the Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, were committed, and to whom it was an Inſtruction to alter and make the ſaid Bills into one, that the Committee had accordingly altered and made the ſaid Bills into one; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves, imported into this Colony; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Dixon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of 550 Acres of Land, in the County of *Glouceſter*, whereof *Sarah*, the Wife of *John Rootes*, Gentleman, is ſeized, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Marſhall* have leave to be Abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Relief of Pariſhes from ſuch Charges as may ariſe from the Baſtard-Children born within the ſame; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor requeſting that his Excellency will be pleaſed to order the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe a particular Account of all the Orders of Council for granting Lands (with the Names of the Grantees) lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains, and a Line that may be run from the Weſtern Boundary of the *Carolina* Line, to the Confluence of the River *Ohio*, with the *Miſſiſſippi*, excluding from ſuch Account thoſe Perſons who have already obtained Patents or Grants in Conſequence of their Petitions.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by Mr *Richard Henry* 99
Lee and Mr *Jones*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, that he will be pleaſed to order the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe an Account of all Petitions to the Governor and Council for Orders to take up and ſurvey Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains, and a Line that may be run from the Weſtern Boundary of the *Carolina* Line to the Confluence of the River *Ohio* with the *Miſſiſſippi*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* and Mr *Jones*.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent Maſters or Skippers of Veſſels from ſelling ſpirituous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in ſmall Quantities; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a *Motion* made,

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 190. [2] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 338.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act, intituled, *An Act for increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick; and that Mr *Rutherford* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to the Governor;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts in certain Counties.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, by Direction of the Governor, a Letter from Mr *Thomas Willing*, of *Philadelphia*, to the Honourable *William Byrd*, Eſquire, relative to the Reception of the Perſons of unſound Mind, now in the Public Gaol of this Colony, into the Hoſpital of *Philadelphia;* and he delivered the Letter in at the Clerk's Table.

And the ſaid Letter was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Godwin* and *Boſwell Godwin*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Bollingbrook* Warehouſes in the County of *Dinwiddie*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that during the laſt inſpection, thirteen Hogſheads of Tobacco were ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſes, for which the Petitioners had been obliged to make Reparation to the Owners; and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

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100 ## Thurſday, the 30th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Bland* reported, from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Treaſury, that the Committee had had the ſaid State under their further Conſideration, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Your Committee having carefully examined the Treaſurer's Accounts and compared them with the proper Vouchers, find that they are all fairly and juſtly ſtated.

It appears to your Committee that the Balance of the Money received of the ſeveral Collectors for Taxes appropriated to the Redemption of the Treaſury Notes amounts to 12,802 *l.* 18 *s.* 8 *d.* of which Sum we have burnt and deſtroyed 10,641 *l.* 17 *s.* 9 *d.* of Paper, and left a Balance of 2161 *l.* 0 11 *d.* in the Treaſurer's Hands to be exchanged for Treaſury Notes. We likewiſe find that there is due to the Account of the Public Treaſury a Balance of 2961 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* which with the other Balance the Treaſurer produced to us.

The ſaid *Report* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer's Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Dixon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Fortnight.

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a Hening, VIII, p. 267.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſſes of Yeſterday, that his Excellency would be pleaſed to order the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe, a particular Account of all the Orders of Council, for granting Lands, and alſo an Account of all Petitions for Orders to take up and ſurvey Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains and a Line that may be run from the Weſtern Boundary of the *Carolina* Line, to the Confluence of the River *Ohio*, with the *Miſſiſſippi*. had been preſented to his Excellency; and that his Excellency had directed him to acquaint the Houſe, that he will give Directions accordingly.

A *Meſſage* from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts of the Aſſembly, for making proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] for adding Part of the Pariſh of *Southfarham* to the Pariſh of *Saint Anne*, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramſay* is ſeized, to the Town of *Blandford*, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] for exempting Free Negro, 101
Mulatto and *Indian* Women, from the Payment of Levies, *with ſome Amendments; to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[5] for further continuing, and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for increaſing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein Services ſhall be performed, *with ſome Amendments; to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[6] to impower the Church-wardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to leaſe certain Lands therein mentioned, *with ſome Amendments; to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And alſo*,

The Council have paſſed a Bill, *intituled*, An Act[7] to prevent felling Oyſters at unſeaſonable Times; *to which the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Addreſs and Memorial, to be preſented to the Governor.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[8] *for exempting Free Negro, Mulatto, and Indian Women from the payment of Levies.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 10, leave out '*the paſſing of this Act*,' and inſert '*the 9th Day of* June *next*,' inſtead thereof; and after '*Wives*,' inſert '*other than Slaves*.'

To the End of the Bill, add, '*provided always, that the Execution of this Act ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby ſuſpended, until his Majeſty's Approbation thereof ſhall be obtained.*'

And the ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, returning him the Thanks of this Houſe, for his kind and humane Attention to the Piteous

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 334.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 406.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 413.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 393.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 388.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 414.
[7] Not recorded as a law.
[8] Hening, VIII, p. 393.

Piteous Situation of the four unhappy People, who are diſordered in their Senſes, and now confined in the Public Gaol of this Colony; deſiring that his Lordſhip will be pleaſed, as he has propoſed, to ſend them to the Hoſpital in *Philadelphia*, till a proper Proviſion can be made here, for Perſons under the like unhappy Circumſtances; and aſſuring his Lordſhip, that this Houſe will chearfully pay the Expences that may attend their Support and maintenance.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by Mr *Treaſurer*.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the
102 Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for further continuing and amending the Act*, intituled, *An Act for increaſing the Rewards for killing Wolves, within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective Counties wherein the Services ſhall be performed.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 14, After '*Fauquier*,' leave out '*and*;' and after '*Culpeper*,' inſert and '*Botetourt*.'

Line 18, After '*Fauquier*,' leave out '*and*;' and after '*Culpeper*,' inſert and '*Botetourt*.'

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Mr *Harriſon* reported, from the Committee of Trade, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of ſeveral Traders in Pork, Beef, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſeveral Traders in Pork, Beef, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, praying that the Act of Aſſembly for the Inſpection of thoſe Commodities may be amended, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution: And that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to impower the Church-Wardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Hungars, *in the County of* Northampton, *to leaſe certain Lands therein mentioned.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 17, 18, Leave out 'Cauſe a Covenent to be inſerted in the Deed of Leaſe of the ſaid Two Hundred Acres of Land, that the Tenant or Leſſee, his or her Heirs and Aſſigns ſhall.'

Line 18, Leave out 'Twenty-five,' and inſert 'Fifty,' inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

A *Petition* of *Richard Roy* and *John Miller*, Inſpectors at *Roy's* Warehouſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the late Hurricane, in *September* laſt, Conſiderable Damage was done to the Tobacco in the ſaid Warehouſe; and further ſetting forth, that ſince their Salaries were ſettled, the Quantities of Tobacco brought to the ſaid Warehouſe have largely exceeded what were brought there before; and therefore praying that they may be relieved; and that their Salaries for the laſt Year, and for the Time to come, may be increaſed.

103 *Ordered*, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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[1] Hening, VIII p. 388.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 414.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Suffolk* Pariſh in the County of *Nanſemond* (on the Eaſt Side of the River) praying for a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, or diſſolving the Veſtry thereof; and for diſcontinuing a free Ferry therein mentioned, be heard before the Committee on *Thurſday* the ſeventh Day of *December* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Veſtry or Church-Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh, be ſerved with a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and have previous Notice of the Time when the ſaid Petition is to be heard before the Committee.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Clerk of the ſaid Veſtry, do attend the Committee at the Time aforeſaid, with the Veſtry Books relative to the Subject Matter of the ſaid petition.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of St. *George* in the County of *Spotſylvania*, praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided by the River *Po* and *Run*, called the *Robinſon;* and for ſubjecting the Tithables of the ſaid Pariſh to the Expence of building a new Church, and repairing *Pamunkey* Chapel, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of St. *George*, in Oppoſition thereto, as prays that that Part of the ſaid Pariſh which lies on the *Rappahannock* River, retain the Name of St. *George*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Reſidue of the laſt mentioned Petitions, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Dettingen* in the County of *Prince William*, praying that an Act may paſs to enable them to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pairſh, and to purchaſe a more convenient Glebe, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agred to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the *fourth*, *fifth*, and *ſeventh* of the ſaid Reſolutions; and that the Committee for Religion, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Meſſage* from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe:*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels, in certain Counties therein mentioned, *with ſome Amendments; to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the 104
Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of the Inhabitants of *Prince William* County, praying that a ſeparate Inſpection of Tobacco may be eſtabliſhed on the Lots, diſtinguiſhed by the Numbers 171 and 172, in the Plan of the Town of *Dumfries*, in the ſaid County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to and from the ſaid Town of *Dumfries*, in Oppoſition thereto, be rejected.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 389.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Willis Riddick*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Benjamin Baker*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Nanſemond*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned, either by the Petitioner, or ſitting Member, be examined on Oath before *Jonathan Godwin*, *Thomas Godwin*, *Samuel Colquhoun*, *William Sheppard*, *David Mead*, *Edward Wright*, and *Anthony Holladay*, Gentlemen, or any four of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the ſaid Election.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before the ſame Perſons, as to the Freehold of any Perſon who voted at the ſaid Election; although ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at the Election, or ſhall ſwear to them at the Examination: And that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons before whom ſuch Examinations are taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quitrents for the Lands or Tenements, in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depoſitions to this Committee.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard before the Committee on *Friday* the 15th Day of *December* next.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Nelſon* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of
105 Three Thouſand Acres of Land, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, That the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true: and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties.

Mr *Marable* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to repeal an Act of the General Aſſembly, exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County from the Payment of Ferriage on certain Days, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 69.

Friday, the 1st of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Claim* of *John Hite* for Proviſion and Ammunition furniſhed the *Frederick* Militia in actual Service in the Year 1763, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Claim* of *Robert Cunningham* for Proviſion furniſhed the *Frederick* Militia in the Years 1757 and 1758, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Claim* of *Jacob Vanmeter* for the Balance of his Account for the Hire of his Waggon and Team, employed to carry Proviſions to *Fort Cumberland*, for the Uſe of the Army in the Year 1755, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Braxton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Recovery of his Health.

Ordered, That Mr *Baſſett* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevenight next. 106

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for paying Officers Fees, due from the Inhabitants of other Counties for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was read.

The ſaid *Amendment* being read a ſecond Time;

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be recommitted;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *Baniſter*, Mr *Richard Baker*, Mr *Jones*, and Mr *Jefferſon*.

Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of 4000 Acres of Land, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, whereof *James Burwell* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Prieſt*, to be allowed for 64 Days Pay as a Voluntier in the Year 1764, which was omitted by the Commiſſioners, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 4*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Roy*, to be allowed for building the Wharf therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 17*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the Petition of *Richard Roy*, and *John Miller*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Roy's* Warehouſe, as relates to the Tranſfer Tobacco therein mentioned, amounting to 4817 lbs. damaged and loſt in the

the late Guſt, is reaſonable; and that, they ought to be allowed the Sum of 54*l.* 3*s.* 9¾*d* for the ſame; and that the other Parts of the ſaid petition be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the
107 Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Report was read.

Several of the Amendments made by the Committee to the ſaid Bill, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

And the Reſidue of the Amendments made by the Committee to the ſaid Bill, being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were poſtponed.

Mr *Richard Baker* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Monday* Sevenight.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Grymes* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Tueſday* Sevenight.

Ordered, That Mr *Wilſon Miles Cary* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend the Act for better regulating and diſciplining the Militia; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Elizabeth Emerſon*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying to be allowed the Value of an Outlawed Runaway Slave, who was found dead.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Support of the contingent Charges of this Government; and that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Nelſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for laying a Tax upon Dogs; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be read a ſecond Time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to the Governor.

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[1] Hening, V, p. 526.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs of Yeſterday, that his Excellency would be pleaſed, as he had propoſed, to ſend the four Perſons, who are diſordered in their Senſes, and now confined in the Public Gaol of this Colony, to the Hoſpital in *Philadelphia*, had been preſented to his Excellency; and that his Excellency had directed him to acquaint the Houſe, that he would, with Pleaſure, give Directions accordingly.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Mead* and *Sarah* his Wife 108
are ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands therein mentioned to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Jefferſon*, and all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Northampton*, *Nanſemond*, and *Iſle of Wight*.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels, in certain Counties therein mentioned.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 3, leave out '*Lancaſter;*' and after '*Pittſylvania*' inſert '*and.*'

Line 4, leave out '*Prince William*, *Richmond*, and *Weſtmoreland.*'

Line 15, leave out '*Lancaſter.*'

Line 16, after '*Pittſylvania*' inſert '*and*'; and leave out '*Prince William*, *Richmond*, and *Weſtmoreland.*'

Line 17, leave out '*two Pounds*' and inſert '*one Pound,*' inſtead thereof.

Line 25, leave out '*five,*' and inſert '*three,*' inſtead thereof.

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Order, a State of the Fund for the Bounty on Hemp.

And the ſaid State was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid State do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

An engroſſed *Bill* from the Council, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to prevent ſelling Oyſters at unſeaſonable Times*, was read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed *Bill* to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act*[3] *to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers;* alſo to continue *An Act*[4] *to oblige Perſons bringing Slaves into this Colony from* Maryland, Carolina, *and the* Weſt-Indies, *for their own Uſe, to pay a Duty*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly, impoſing Duties on Slaves.*

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An engroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of 3,000 Acres of Land, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

And the *Queſtion* being put, that the Bill do paſs;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 339.
[2] Not recorded as a law.
[3] Hening, VIII, p. 190.
[4] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 338.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 336.

Saturday, the 2nd of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ORDERED, That Mr *Poythreſs* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Recovery of his Health.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the Pariſh of *St. Luke*, in the County of *Southampton: And alſo*

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, Inhabitants of the North Side of *Nottoway* River, in the County of *Southampton: And alſo*

A *Petition* of the Merchants and Traders of the County of *Nanſemond*,

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Bridge over *Nottoway* River, at Col. *Brown's* Ferry, which had been built by Subſcription, was very convenient to Travellers, and commodious to Trade; but that the ſaid Bridge had been lately carried away; and therefore praying, that an Act may paſs to oblige the Juſtices of the ſaid County of *Southampton* to cauſe a Bridge to be built at the Place aforeſaid, and to be kept in Repair, at the Expence of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to repeal an Act, made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act*[3] *concerning Strays;* and to eſtabliſh a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Perſons taking up Strays: And that Mr *Starke* and Mr *William Cabell* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act againſt ſtealing Hogs: And that Mr *Carrington* and Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, At the Requeſt of Mr *Attorney-General*, That Mr *Treaſurer* do retain Counſel, learned in the Law, to adviſe with and aſſiſt Mr *Attorney-General* in Proſecution of the Government Suits, for Recovery of the Debt due from the late Treaſurer, to the Public.

A *Claim* of *John Spinks*, for carrying to *Williamſburg*, certain ſtolen Goods, found in the Poſſeſſion of *John Johnſon* and *Richard Stewart*, who were indicted for Felony, in order to be produced on the Trials of the ſaid Criminals, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Awbrey*, and ſeveral other Perſons, of the County of *Loudoun*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Ferry over the *Potowmack* River, from the Land of the ſaid *Thomas Awbrey*, about half a Mile above the Mouth of *Kitockton* Creek, to the Land of *James Hook*, in *Maryland*, would be uſeful and convenient; and therefore praying, that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed at the Place aforeſaid, and that the Rate for paſſing the ſame may be Seven Pence Halfpenny, for Man and Horſe.

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[1] Hening, V, p. 38. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 338. [3] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 133

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for dividing the Pariſh of *St. George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies; and that Mr *Eyre* and Mr *Jones* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 4th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the making of Hemp: And that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in the ſame. Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Inhabitants of *New-Kent* County, to retail Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to repeal an Act of the General Aſſembly, exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, from the Payment of Ferriage, on certain Days, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to repeal an Act of the General Aſſembly, exempting the Inhabitants of* Mecklenburg *County, from the Payment of Ferriage on certain Days.*

Ordered, That Mr *Baniſter* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of *Saint Mark's* Pariſh, in the County of *Culpeper*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, was read the third Time.

An ingroſſed *Clauſe* was offered to be added to the Bill, by Way of Ryder, for ſaving the Rights of Strangers. And the ſaid Clauſe was thrice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe, to be made Part of the Bill, by Way of Ryder.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to impower the Veſtry of* Saint Mark's *Pariſh, in the County of* Culpeper, *to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Acrill* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Thurſday* next.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Garland* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* David Garland *is ſeized in Fee Tail; and for veſting the Title in* Francis Eppes, *Gentleman, in Fee Simple; and for ſettling the Value thereof in Slaves, to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Thanks of the Houſe be given to the Reverend Mr *Bland*, for the excellent Sermon, by him preached Yeſterday before this Houſe, at *Bruton* Church, in the

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 392. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 410. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 442.

the City of *Williamſburg;* and that he be deſired to print the ſame; and that Mr *Rutherford* and Mr *Moore* do acquaint him therewith.

Mr *Eyre* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for regulating the Practice of Attornies;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration, ſeveral petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Triſtram Norſworthy*, of *Nanſemond* County, praying that Part of the lower Pariſh of *Nanſemond*, may be added to the Pariſh of *Newport*, and County of *Iſle of Wight*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Churchwardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, praying Relief againſt the Exactions of the Collectors of their Pariſh Levy, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Southampton* and *Nanſemond*, praying that an Act may paſs to oblige the Juſtices of the ſaid County of *Southampton*, to build a Bridge over *Nottoway* River, at *Jeſſe Brown's*, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and
112 that the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Bill* for better regulating the Collection of Public, County, and Pariſh Levies, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, that his Excellency will be pleaſed to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Amelia*, in the Room of Mr *Thomas Tabb*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by Mr *Winn*.

Ordered, That Mr *Farmer* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till the 25th Day of this Inſtant *December*.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Warwick, *in the County of* Henrico, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for clearing a Road from *Payne's Run*, in the County of *Auguſta*, to *Thurman's* in the County of *Albemarle*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of *Armiſtead Lightfoot* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the petitioner is ſeized in Fee Tail of Six Thouſand Five Hundred and Eighty-eight Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunſwick;* and alſo of two Tracts of Land, called *Dover* and *Beaverdam*, in the County of *Goochland*, under the Will of *Philip Lightfoot*, Eſq; deceaſed; and that Sixty Slaves annexed to the Lands in *Brunſwick* have been taken in Execution, and ſold for Payment of the Petitioner's Debts; and therefore the ſaid Lands muſt be a Burthen to him, for Want of Slaves to work them; and that it will be beneficial to the petitioner, and thoſe claiming in Remainder, if two Thouſand Eight Hundred Acres of the ſaid Lands in *Brunſwick*, are veſted in Truſtees to be ſold, and

[1] Hening, VII, p. 397. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII p. 411.

and the Money arifing from fuch Sale laid out in the Purchafe of Slaves, to be alfo veſted in Truſtees for the joint Lives of the Petitioner and his Wife, and afterwards to go and deſcend under the like Limitations, and to the ſame Uſes, as the ſaid Lands in *Brunſwick;* and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr *Nelſon* and Mr *Dudley Digges* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 5th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ANOTHER Member, returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill declaring Slaves to be 113
perſonal Eſtate; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and that Mr *Mercer* and Mr *Newton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Nicholas Mead* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that as he was coming to *Williamſburg* with a Jury, ſummoned by him, as Under Sheriff of *Bedford* County, for the Trial of *James Bigan*, for Horſe-ſtealing, the Petitioner's Horſe died in the Journey, in the County of *Cumberland;* and therefore praying to be allowed for his Travelling ſo far.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *Matthew Davenport*, Clerk of the Court of Huſtings, for the City of *Williamſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is reſtrained from charging more than Ten Shillings *per* Hundred for his Tobacco Fees; and that the Sheriffs are not obliged to collect his ſaid Fees, whereby he ſuffers conſiderable Loſs; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to make his Fees diſtrainable, under the like Regulations as the Fees of County Court Clerks are.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Practice of Phyſicians and Surgeons: And that Mr *Henry* and Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, to levy on the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh the Amount of a Judgment recovered againſt them by *William Meldrum*, their late Miniſter: And that Mr *Mercer* and Mr *Wood* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for clearing and making navigable the River *Potowmack*, from the great Falls of the ſaid River, up to Fort *Cumberland;* And that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* and Mr *Waſhington* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

A *Petition* of *Daniel Armfield* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner went out of this Colony, in or about the Year 1740, on the Expedition to *Carthagena*, in which he received ſeveral Wounds, whereby he is diſabled from getting his Livelihood; and therefore praying Relief.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

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[1] Hening, VI, p. 356.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition be rejected.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the
114 Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Talbutt*, praying that an Act may paſs to confirm an Agreement made by the ſaid *Talbutt*, with the Court of *Norfolk*, for the Purchaſe of a Parcel of Public Land in the Borough of *Norfolk*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Buckingham*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of *John Nicholas*, in the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, acroſs *Slate* River, to the ſaid *Nicholas's* Land, on the Oppoſite Side, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Loudoun*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the Land of *Thomas Awbrey*, above *Kitockton* Creek, in the ſaid County of *Loudoun*, acroſs *Potowmack* River, to the Land of *James Hooks*, in *Maryland*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Daniel Cargill*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the ſaid *Cargill's* Land, in the County of *Charlotte*, acroſs *Staunton* River, to the Land of *Thomas Cobbs*, in the County of *Halifax*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Joſeph Ligon*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the ſaid *Ligon's* Land, on the North Side of *Dan* River, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *James Scott*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, in the County of *Stafford*, acroſs the River *Potowmack*, to *Kennedy's* in *Maryland*, be rejected.

The *firſt*, *ſecond*, *third*, and *fourth* Reſolutions of the Committee being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The *fifth* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

And the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Joſeph Ligon*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the ſaid *Ligon's* Land, on the North Side of *Dan* River, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side, is reaſonable.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the firſt Reſolution of the Committee, and which hath been agreed to by the Houſe; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the *fourth* Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houſe upon *Monday* the 13th Day of *November* laſt, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the *ſecond* and *third* Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which have been this Day agreed to by the Houſe; and alſo to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over *Dan* River, from the Land of *Joſeph Ligon*, on the North Side, to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side of the ſaid River.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral petitions to them referred, and had

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come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Scott*, 115
to be reimburſed for the Public Levies on the Tithables therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 19*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Francis Gaines* and *Thomas Dudley*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Shephard's* and *Turner's* Warehouſes, in the County of *King & Queen*, to be allowed for the Tobacco therein mentioned, is reaſonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of 13*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for the ſame.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *John Bailey*, Guardian of *Jeremiah Garland Bailey*, an Infant, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, are true, and that he ought to be reimburſed the Sum of 57*l.* 10*s.* 6½*d.* being the Balance, after deducting the Sum of 73*l.*, which he received of the Treaſurer, in Part of his Account of 130*l.* 10*s.* 6½*d.* for an Acre of Land, building the Houſes, and furniſhing Timber, Nails, and Hinges; but that no Allowance ought to be made for the Intereſt and Coſts of Suit, amounting to 23*l.* 2*s.* 10½*d.* and 3798 lbs. of Tobacco, as appears by a State of the Accounts produced.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be recommitted to the ſaid Committee of Public Claims.

A *Petition* of *William Sims; and alſo*,

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Charlotte*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed; *and alſo*,

A Petition of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Halifax*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed,

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that a Ferry over *Staunton* River, at a Place called *Owen's*, from the Land of the ſaid *Williams Sims* to the Land of *John Randolph*, will be very convenient; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to eſtabliſh a Ferry at the ſaid Place.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Starke* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal an Act, made in the twenty-ſecond Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act*[1] *concerning Strays*, and to eſtabliſh a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Perſons taking up Strays; And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtate and ſettle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's* and other Warehouſes: And that Mr *Thomas Walker* and Mr *Richard Lee*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Jefferſon* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife are ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands therein mentioned to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Com- 116
mittee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed

[1] Hening, VI, p. 133.

directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; Where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-Morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to his Excellency.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Warwick, *in the County of* Henrico, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to amend and Act, intituled, an Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Warwick, *in the County of* Henrico.

Ordered, That Mr *Jefferſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for eſtabliſhing a Town in the County of *Pittſylvania*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Thomas Walker* and Mr *Mercer*.

A *Bill* to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act*[3] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and *alſo* one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the II. intituled, *An Act*[4] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in Order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 6th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[5] *for declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, was read a ſecond Time.

117 *Reſolved*, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſſes to his Excellency.

A particular Account of the Orders of Council for granting Lands, and alſo an Account of all Petitions for Orders, to take up and ſurvey Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains, and a Line that may be run from the Weſtern Boundary of the *Carolina* Line to the Confluence of the River *Ohio* with the *Miſſiſſippi*.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe was moved, That a Proclamation of the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, for encouraging Men to inliſt in his Majeſty's Service, for the Defence and Security of this Colony, bearing Date of the 19th Day of *February*, in the Twenty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* II. might be read.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 411.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 411.
[3] *Ibid*, III, p. 236.
[4] *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475
[5] *Ibid.*, V, p. 526

And the ſame being read accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Proclamation do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Nelſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the intail of 2,800 Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunſwick*, whereof *Armiſtead Lightfoot* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and veſting the ſame in Truſtees for certain Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Abraham Kuykendall* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in the Year 1763, the Petitioner, in an Engagement with a Party of Indians received a Wound in his left Shoulder, which had rendered his Arm Uſeleſs, and impaired his Conſtitution; and that he had been near three Years under the care of Phyſicians, by which he incurred a very great Expence; and therefore praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Mercer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, to levy on the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, the Amount of a Judgment recovered againſt them by *William Meldrum*, their late Miniſter; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Addreſs and Memorial, to be preſented to his Excellency.

Ordered, That the Account of the Orders of Council for granting Lands, and alſo 118
the Account of the Petitions for Orders to take up and ſurvey Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains and a Line that may be run from the Weſtern Boundary of the *Carolina* Line to the Confluence of the River *Ohio* with the *Miſſiſſippi*, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the proclamation of the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, for encouraging Men to inliſt in his Majeſty's Service, for the Defence and Security of this Colony, bearing Date the 19th Day of *February*, in the Twenty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* II. be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Addreſs and Memorial, and had directed him to report the Addreſs to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and that they had made an Amendment to the Memorial, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 7th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Harriſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, requeſting that he will be pleaſed to inform this Houſe whether the Faith of Government is

[1] Hening, VII, p. 570.

is now engaged to confirm any Orders of Council for granting of Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains, and a Line that may be run from the Weſtern Termination of the *North Carolina* Line to the Confluence of the *Ohio* with the *Miſſiſſippi*, the Terms of which Orders have not been complied with; and that he will be pleaſed in future to diſcourage all Monopolies of Lands within the Colony.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Henry*.

Mr *Thomas Walker* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtate and ſettle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and other Warehouſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

119 *Reſolved*, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Order made upon *Monday* the 20th Day of *November* laſt, that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they conſider of the Rates of Ferriage at all the Public Ferries in this Colony, and make Proviſion for reducing ſuch of the ſaid Rates as ſhall appear exeſſive, be diſcharged.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to divide the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of *Richard Corbin*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Ferry from the Land of one *Hackley*, over *Rappahannock* River, to the Petitioner's Land, is diſuſed, and that the Road through the moſt valuable Part of the Petitioner's Land, leading to the ſaid Ferry, is very inconvenient to him; and therefore praying that ſo much of the Act of General Aſſembly, for Regulation and Settlement of Ferries, as relates to the Appointment of the ſaid *Hackley's* Ferry, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the ſaid petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to impower the Veſtry of *Mcherrin* Pariſh, in the County of *Brunſwick*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for adding Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to confirm the Charter of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings, in the City of* Williamſburg; and that Mr *Baniſter* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to oblige the Juſtices of *Southampton* County to build a Bridge over *Nottoway* River; and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

120 And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be read a ſecond Time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, IV, p. 541.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] for continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly impoſing Duties on Slaves, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] to continue an Act, intituled An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] to repeal an Act of the General Aſſembly, exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County from the Payment of Ferriage, on certain Days, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[5] to impower the Veſtry of *St. Mark's* Pariſh in the County of *Culpeper*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[6] to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near *Warwick*, in the County of *Henrico*, *without any Amendment*.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife are ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands therein mentioned, to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

And the Queſtion being put, that the Bill do paſs;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

Ordered, That Mr *Coles*, Mr *Joſeph Cabell*, and Mr *Edmunds*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That Mr *Coles* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Bill* to prevent Maſters or Skippers of Veſſels from ſelling ſpirituous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in ſmall Quantities, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A *Bill* for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony, was read a ſecond Time.

The Amendment following was propoſed to be made to the Bill, *viz.*

Line 28, to leave out. 'and that this Act ſhall continue and be in Force for and during the Term of [*not ſtated*] and no longer, and inſert 'And be it further enacted by the 121
Authority aforeſaid, that the Execution of this Act ſhall be ſuſpended until his Majeſty's Approbation, thereof ſhall be obtained; and that from and after obtaining the ſame, this Act ſhall continue and be in Force for and during the Term of ſeven Years, and no longer.'

And the ſaid *Amendment* was twice read, and upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 336.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 338.
[3] *Ibid*, VIII, p. 353.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 392.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 410.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 411.
[7] *Ibid.*, VII, p. 570

The *Order* of the Day being read for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to his Excellency were committed;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors;*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Harmon Miller*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, on the South Side of *Dan River*, in *Halifax* County, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Land of *James Legrand*, on the oppoſite Side, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of *Halifax* and *Charlotte* Counties, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed at a Place called *Owen's*, on the Land of *Williams Sims*, on *Staunton* River, in the ſaid County of *Halifax*, acroſs the ſaid River, to the Land of *John Randolph*, in the ſaid County of *Charlotte*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Matthew Davenport*, Clerk of the Huſtings of *Williamſburg*, praying that his Fees may be made diſtrainable by Law, in the ſame Manner the Fees of County Court Clerks are diſtrainable, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the fourth Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houſe upon *Monday*, the 13th Day of *November* laſt, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the firſt and ſecond Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which have been this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the *third* Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, and which hath been this Day agreed to by the Houſe; and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee having, according to the Order of the Houſe, inſpected the Report of the Committee of Claims laſt Seſſion, and alſo read, conſidered, and regulated the Claims preſented to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, had entered ſuch of the ſaid Claims as were allowed in a Book; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Book in at the Clerk's Table.

122 *Ordered*, That the Book of Public Claims do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances*; and alſo one other Act, made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, *An Act*[3] *to declare who ſhall have the Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday

[1] Hening, V, p. 526 [2] *Ibid.*, III, p. 236. [3] *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475.

Friday, the 8th of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Cumberland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioners bear a proportionable Part of the Expence of the Bridge, called the *Genitoe* Bridge, over *Appomattox* River, to the County of *Amelia*, and more than two thirds of the Expence of two other Bridges, over the ſame River, to the County of *Prince Edward*, although the ſaid Bridges are of little or no Uſe to the petitioners, who are beſides alone burthened with the Charges of ſeveral Bridges over *Willis's* River; and therefore praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for encouraging the making of Hemp; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Freeholders, Merchants, and others, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, and the adjacent Counties, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Re-eſtabliſhment of an Inſpection of Tobacco at *Stratford* Landing where the Warehouſes have been lately entirely deſtroyed, will be uſeleſs, as well as expenſive to the Public, and detrimental to the trading Intereſs; and therefore praying that the ſaid Inſpection may be diſcontinued.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table. 123

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to impower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; to ſell Part of his Lands for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for clearing and making navigable the River *Potowmack*, from the Great Falls of the ſaid River, up to Fort *Cumberland:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Meſſage* from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin in Caſes of Diſtreſs for Rents, *with ſome Amendments; to which Amendments the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Baker* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Baker* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till To-Morrow Sevenight.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to his Excellency, were committed;

Ordered

[1] Hening, VII, p. 265. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 332.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Practice of ſuing out and proſecuting Writs of Replevin in Caſes of Diſtreſs for Rents.*

And the ſaid *Amendments* were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 13, After 'ſuit' inſert 'to be recovered in the ſame Manner as Judgments are by Law recovered on executing a Writ of *Fieri Facias*, where the Clerk is directed to indorſe on the Back of the Writ, no Security to be taken.'

Line 28, After '*Facias*' inſert 'Provided always, that the Execution of this Act ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby ſuſpended, until his Majeſty's Approbation thereof ſhall be obtained.'

The ſaid *Amendments* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

124 *I am commanded by his Excellency the Governor to deliver to this Houſe, in Anſwer to their Addreſs of Yeſterday, the following Meſſage*, viz.

'*That the Faith of Government is not engaged to confirm any orders of Council, the Terms of which Orders have not been complied with, unleſs in thoſe Inſtances in which it ſhall appear that the Perſons concerned have been interrupted by unavoidable Neceſſity.*

'*The Houſe of Burgeſſes may depend upon the Lord* Botetourt's *repreſenting againſt Monopolies in the ſtrongeſt manner poſſible; and that he will forever diſcourage that pernicious Practice by all Means in his Power.*'

Mr *Carrington* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act intituled, *An Act*[2] *againſt ſtealing Hogs:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they had, according to Order, conſidered of the ancient Rules and ſtanding Orders of the Houſe, with others, which they think ought to be obſerved, and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Ordered, That no Member abſent himſelf from the Service of the Houſe, unleſs he have Leave, or be ſick and unable to attend.

Ordered, That whenever the Houſe is to attend the Governor in the Council Chamber, the ſeveral Paſſages be cleared of Strangers, ſo that the Members may freely paſs; and that no Member ſhall go into, or come out of, the Council-Chamber, before the Speaker.

Ordered, That no Member chew Tobacco in the Houſe, while the Speaker is in the Chair, or in a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That when any Member is about to ſpeak in Debate, or deliver any Matter to the Houſe, he ſhall riſe from his Seat, and without advancing from thence, ſhall, with due Reſpect, addreſs to Mr *Speaker*, confining himſelf ſtrictly to the Point in Debate, and avoiding all indecent and diſreſpectful Language.

Ordered, That no Member ſpeak more than twice, in the ſame Debate, without Leave.

Reſolved, That a Queſtion being once determined, muſt ſtand as the Judgment of the Houſe, and cannot again be drawn into Debate, during the ſame Seſſion.

Ordered, That while the Speaker is putting any Queſtion, none ſhall entertain private Diſcourſe, ſtand up, walk into, out of, or acroſs the Houſe, or read any printed Book.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 332. [2] *Ibid.*, VI, p. 121.

Ordered, That no Member ſhall vote on any Queſtion, in the Event of which he is immediately intereſted; nor in any other Caſe, where he was not preſent when the Queſtion was put by the Speaker, or by the Chairman in any Committee.

Reſolved, That every Member who ſhall be in the Houſe when any Queſtion is put, ſhall, on a Diviſion, be counted on the one Side or the other.

Ordered, That each Day, before the Houſe proceeded on any other Buſineſs, the Clerk do read the Orders for taking any Matters into Conſideration that Day.

Ordered, That all Bills be read and diſpatched in Priority and Order of Time, as they were brought in, unleſs the Houſe ſhall direct otherwiſe in particular Caſes.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe ſuffer not any Records or Papers to be taken from the Table, or out of his Cuſtody, by any Member, or other Perſon.

Reſolved, That beſides the Speaker, Fifteen Members be a ſufficient Number to adjourn, Thirty to call the Houſe, and ſend for the abſent Members, and make any Orders for their Cenſure or Diſcharge, and Fifty to proceed to other Buſineſs.

Ordered, That when the Houſe is to riſe, every Member keep his Seat till the Speaker go out, and then every one to follow in Order, as he ſits.

Ordered, That the Journals of the Houſe be daily drawn up by the Clerk, and after being examined by the Speaker, be printed without Delay.

Reſolved, That Eleven of the Committees for Religion, Privileges and Elections, Propoſitions and Grievances, and Five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient Number to proceed on Buſineſs.

Ordered, That no Committee ſit to do Buſineſs during the Time of Divine Service.

Reſolved, That if any Perſon hath procured himſelf to be elected or returned as a Member of the Houſe, or endeavored ſo to be, by Bribery, or other corrupt Practices, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Perſon.

Reſolved, That no Petition for controverting the Election of any Member returned 125
to ſerve as a Burgeſs in any future Aſſembly, be received by this Houſe, unleſs the ſame is preſented within Fourteen Days from the Time the Member intended to be petitioned againſt, takes his Seat in the Houſe.

Reſolved, That if any Perſon having a Right to vote for Two Members to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, ſhall give a ſingle Vote, ſuch Perſon hath no Right to give his ſecond Vote during ſuch Election.

Reſolved, That where the Houſe ſhall adjudge any Petition touching Elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the Houſe will order Satiſfaction to be made to the Perſon petitioned againſt.

Reſolved, That any Member may wave his Privilege in any Matter of a private Nature, without the Leave of the Houſe; and, having ſo done, he ſhall not, in that Inſtance, reſume the ſame.

Reſolved, That any Perſon ſhall be at Liberty to ſue out an original Writ, or Subpoena in Chancery, in order to prevent a Bar by the Statute of Limitations, or to file any Bill in Equity, to examine Witneſſes thereupon, for the ſole Purpoſe of preſerving their Teſtimony againſt any Member of this Houſe, notwithſtanding his Privilege; provided that the Clerk, after having made out and ſigned ſuch original Writ, ſhall not deliver the ſame to the Party, or to any other, during the Continuance of that Privilege.

Reſolved, That every Perſon ſummoned to attend this Houſe, or any Committee thereof, as a Witneſs in any Matter, depending before them, be privileged from Arreſt, during his coming to, attending on, or going from the Houſe or Committee; and that no ſuch Witneſs ſhall be obliged to attend, until the Party at whoſe requeſt he ſhall be ſummoned, do pay, or ſecure to him, for his Attendance and Travelling, the ſame Allowance which is made to Witneſſes attending the General Court.

Reſolved, That if any perſon ſhall tamper with any Witneſſes in reſpect to their Evidence, to be given to this Houſe, or any Committee thereof, or directly, or indirectly, endeavor to deter or hinder any Perſon from appearing or giving Evidence, the ſame is declared to be a high Crime and Miſdemeanor, and this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offenders.

Ordered

Ordered, That no Perſon be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, or any Complaint of a Breach or Privilege, until the Matter of ſuch Complaint ſhall have been examined by the Committee of Privileges, and reported to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Serjeant's Fees be as followeth: *to wit*, For taking any Perſon into Cuſtody, Thirteen Shillings: For every Day he ſhall be detained in Cuſtody; Thirteen Shillings: For ſending a Meſſenger to take any Perſon into Cuſtody by a Warrant from the Speaker, Sixpence *per* Mile for going, and the ſame for returning, beſides Ferriages.

Ordered, That the ſaid Orders and Reſolutions be ſtanding Orders of the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Garland* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the Title in *Francis Eppes*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling the Value thereof in Slaves to the ſame Uſes, *with an Amendment; to which Amendment the Council deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr *Bridger* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Richard Corbin*, Eſq; praying that ſo much of the Act paſſed in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* II. for the Regulation and Settlement of Ferries, and Diſpatch of public Expreſſes, as relates to the Appointment of a Ferry acroſs *Rappahannock* River from *Hackley's* Landing to the Land of the ſaid *Richard Corbin*, may be repealed, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Job Pearſall*, praying a Satiſfaction for the Damages done to his Land by the Troops garriſoned thereon in the late War, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, as a Compenſation for the ſame.

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The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed to the ſaid Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the ſaid Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution do lie upon the Table.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and alſo one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, *An Act*[3] *to declare who ſhall have the Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties; and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in Order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections:*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, Tomorrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims to whom the Petition of *Abraham Kuykendall*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 442. [2] *Ibid.*, III, p. 236. [3] *Ibid.*, IV. p. 475.

them, to the Houſe, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your Committee, that the Petitioner being willing to aſſiſt in protecting the Frontiers of this Colony againſt the Incurſions of the *Indians*, voluntarily joined a Party of Militia which was ordered out for that Purpoſe, and in an Engagement with the ſaid *Indians*, was unfortunately wounded, as ſet forth in the ſaid Petition.

Whereupon the Committee came to the following Reſolution, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of Fifty Pounds to reimburſe him the Expence he was at to Surgeons, in perfecting his Cure.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Petition of *John Bailey*, Guardian of *Jeremiah Garland Bailey*, an Infant, to them recommitted, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of Fifty-ſeven 127
Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, being the Balance due upon a State of the Accounts produced, for an Acre of Land, building the Houſes, and furniſhing Timber, Nails, and Hinges; but that no Allowance ought to be made for Intereſt and Coſts of Suit, amounting to Twenty-three Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny, and Three Thouſand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds of Tobacco, it appearing that he did not comply with his Contract.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being read a ſecond Time.

The *Amendment* following was propoſed to be made thereunto, *viz.*

To leave out 'Fifty-ſeven Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, being the Balance due upon a State of the Accounts produced, for an Acre of Land, building the Houſes, and furniſhing Timber, Nails, and Hinges; but that no Allowance ought to be made for the Intereſt and Coſts of Suit, amounting to Twenty-three Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny, and Three Thouſand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds of Tobacco, it appearing that he did not comply with his Contract;' and inſert 'Eighty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence, and Three Thouſand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds of Tobacco,' inſtead thereof.

And the Queſtion being put, that the Words, 'Fifty-ſeven Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, being the Balance due upon a State of the Accounts produced, for an Acre of Land, building the Houſes, and furniſhing Timber, Nails, and Hinges; but that no Allowance ought to be made for Intereſt and Coſts of Suit, amounting to Twenty-three Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny, and 3978 lbs. of Tobacco, it appearing that he did not comply with his Contract,' ſtand Part of the ſaid Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And the Queſtion being put, that the Words, 'Eighty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence, and 3978 lbs. of Tobacco,' be inſerted inſtead thereof;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution ſo amended, that the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of Eighty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence, and 3978 lbs. of Tobacco.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt certain Lands whereof *John Robinſon*, Eſquire, died ſeized, in Truſt for *Philip Johnſon*, Gentleman

Gentleman, and his Children, in Truſtees, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition* of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Ware*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that *Zachary Crips*, late of the ſaid County, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, gave Three Hundred Acres of Land to the ſaid Pariſh, for a Glebe; and that the ſaid Pariſh having another Glebe, which is
128 better and more convenient, it will be greatly for the Advantage of the Miniſter to ſell the ſaid Land ſo diviſed, and lay out the Money ariſing from the Sale in purchaſing Slaves to be ſettled on the ſaid other Glebe; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A *Petition* of *John Page*, Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is ſeized in Fee-Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *Robert Carter*, Eſquire, of Two Thouſand Six Hundred and Sixty Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of *Dryſdale*, in the County of *Caroline*, with ſeveral Slaves annexed thereto; and is ſeized in Fee-Simple of ſeveral ſmall Tracts, containing in the Whole One Thouſand Three Hundred and Seventy-four Acres, adjoining to his other intailed Lands, in the County of *Glouceſter;* and that it will be for the Advantage of his Family to dock the Intail of the ſaid Land and Slaves, in the County of *Caroline*, and to ſettle the ſaid Fee Simple Lands, in the County of *Glouceſter*, in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 9th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for reimburſing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover* Counties the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend
129 an Act, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;* and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved

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[1] Hening. V, p. 526.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in *Charles Carter*, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, aſſuring his Lordſhip, that this Houſe is impreſſed with a moſt grateful Senſe of his Excellency's generous and kind Aſſurances of Friendſhip for *America* in general, and this Colony in particular; that, thus encouraged, the Houſe with his Excellency would be pleaſed to uſe his good Offices with our moſt gracious Sovereign, for an Application to Parliament, that this and the other Colonies may be indulged with the ſame free Importation of Salt from *Europe* that is now extended to the Colonies North of *Maryland*, *Nova-Scotia* excepted; the Uſe of ſuch Salt being rendered, by the Heat of this Climate, indeſpenſably neceſſary, as well for preſerving Meat in the hot Months, as for curing Fiſh, with which our numerous Rivers do greatly abound. This reaſonable Indulgence being diſallowed, his Majeſty's faithful Subjects, in the Southern Provinces, are unhappily deprived, in great Meaſure, of Advantages which Nature has furniſhed, and are prevented from proſecuting a uſeful and advantageous Branch of Commerce.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Eyre*.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Wormeley Carter* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with ſeveral Amendments to one of them, agreed to by the Houſe. 130

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Baniſter* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Friday* next.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and alſo one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, *An Act*[3] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties; and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections.*

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

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[1] Hening, V, p. 526. [2] *Ibid.*, III, p. 236. [3] *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progreſs in the Bill; and that the Committee had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr *Ball* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the preſent State of the Colony.

And then the houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next, Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 11th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ANOTHER Member, returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Act of Parliament, and repeated and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Godwyne* and *Boſwell Godwyne*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Bollingbrook* Warehouſes, in the County of *Dinwiddie*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected; 131
it appearing that the ſaid Warehouſes were not ſecured according to Law.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed to the ſaid Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Mercer* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Paſſage of Fiſh, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Reſolution of the ſaid Committee upon the Petition of *Richard Corbin*, Eſquire, was re-committed, that the Committee had further examined the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Richard Corbin*, Eſquire, praying, that ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* II. for Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and Diſpatch of Public Expreſſes, as relates to the Eſtabliſhment of *Hackley's* Ferry, acroſs *Rappahannock* River, to the Land of *Richard Corbin*, may be repealed, is reaſonable.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the fourth Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houſe upon *Monday* the 13th Day of *November* laſt, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which hath been this Day agreed to by the Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

'*The Council have agreed to the Treaſurer's Accounts.*'

And he preſented the ſaid Accounts at the Bar.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to his Excellency the Governor, and deſire his Aſſent thereto.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Book of Public Claims.

And the ſaid Book was partly read.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book be adjourned till To-morrow.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that he had received from his Excellency the 132
Governor an Act of Parliament, made in the ninth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for further encouraging the Growth and Culture of raw Silk in his Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations in* America, and alſo an Extract of a Letter to his Excellency from the Earl of *Hillſborough*, upon the Subject Matter of the ſaid Act, and Mr *Speaker* delivered the ſaid Act, and Extract, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Act and Extract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday*, the firſt Day of *June* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Aſſembly made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act*[2] *for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and for aſcertaining their Allowances;* and alſo one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, *An Act*[3] *to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, the 12th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Auguſta*, inhabiting that Part of the South Weſtern Frontier, known by the Name of *Holſton* and *New* River, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that they are very remote from the Court-Houſe of the ſaid County, whereby they ſuffer many Inconveniences; and therefore praying that the Settlements on the Waters of *Holſton* and *New* River, may be made a diſtinct County.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid petition be deferred till the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A *Petition* of *Charles Tomkies* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that in *January*, 1768, *Sey*, a Negro Man Slave of the Petitioner, having been committed to the Gaol of *Glouceſter* County, for Felony, during his Confinement, and before he could be tried, was ſo froſt-bitten, that he was rendered unprofitable; and therefore praying the Houſe to make him a reaſonable Satisfaction.

Ordered

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[1] Great Britain—Statutes at Large, VII. p. 44. [2] Hening, III, p. 236. [3] *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *William Sealy Lane*, Serjeant of the Court of Huſtings, of the City of *Williamſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is reſtrained from charging more than Ten Shillings *per* Hundred for his Tobacco Fees. and that his ſaid Fees are not diſtrainable; and therefore praying that the Rates of his
133 Fees may be increaſed, and that they may be diſtrainable in the ſame manner as Sheriffs Fees are.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the third Reſolution of the ſaid Committee, which upon *Thurſday* laſt was agreed to by the Houſe, that they do make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for increaſing the Rates of the Fees of the Serjeant of the City of *Williamſburg*, and making the ſame diſtrainable.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for altering the Court Day of *Middleſex* County was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for paying Officers Fees, due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, was re-committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported to the Houſe, that their Addreſs of *Saturday* laſt to his Excellency the Governor, that his Excellency would be pleaſed to uſe his good Offices with our moſt gracious Sovereign, for an Application to Parliament, that this and the other Colonies may be indulged with the ſame free Importation of Salt from *Europe*, that is now extended to the Colonies North of *Maryland*, *Nova Scotia* excepted, had been preſented to his Excellency; and that his Excellency had directed him to acquaint this Houſe, that he will take the earlieſt Opportunity of tranſmitting to his Majeſty the Addreſs of this Houſe, and will uſe his Intereſt to Accompliſh the Wiſhes of the Houſe; and that on this, as on every other Occaſion, his Lordſhip ſhall eſteem himſelf happy in having it in his Power to be ſerviceable to this Country.

The Houſe reſumed the further Conſideration of the Report, which was made from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties, was committed;

And the *Amendments*, which were, upon *Friday* the Firſt Day of this Inſtant *December*, poſtponed, were again ſeverally read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Merchants, Planters, and others, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the inconvenient Situation, and ruinous Condition of the Warehouſes at *Cubbin Point*, on *Chipoake's* Creek; and therefore praying that a Tobacco Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed at *Low Point*, on the ſaid Creek.

134 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Rutherford* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal an Act for increaſing the Salary of the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

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Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it was referred to conſider of a proper Satiſfaction to be made to the Committee, who collected the Acts of Aſſembly for the Preſs, and to the Clerk they employed in that Service, that the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that *Peyton Randolph*, *John Randolph*, *Robert Carter Nicholas*, and *George Wythe*, Eſquires, be allowed for their Trouble, in collating a Copy of the Laws for the Preſs, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds reſpectively.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds ought to be allowed to Mr *Richard Starke*, for his Services in attending the ſaid Committee, as a Clerk, and for forming a Table to the Laws.

The *firſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Words '*and fifty.*'

And the Queſtion being put that the Words '*and fifty*' ſtand Part of the Reſolution;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds ought to be allowed to Mr *Richard Starke*, for his Services in attending the ſaid Committee, as a Clerk, and for forming a Table to the Laws.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Accomack*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the inconvenient Situation of *Guilford* Warehouſe, in the ſaid County; and therefore praying that the Inſpection may be removed from thence, and placed on *Hunting* Creek, at *Finley's Point*, or on the Land of *Elijah Grenolds*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for giving a Bounty on Woollen, Cotton, and Linen Cloths, made in this Colony; and that Mr *Mercer* and Mr *Riddick* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Friday* next.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to prevent Maſters or Skippers of Veſſels from ſelling ſpirituous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in ſmall Quantities, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe. 135

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in *Charles Carter*, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in* Charles Carter, *and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Daniel M'Carty* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is ſeized in Fee Tail under the Will of *Daniel M'Carty*, his Grandfather, of 2,000 Acres of Land in the Pariſh of *Truro*, and County of *Fairfax*, and is ſeized in Fee Simple of 1000 Acres of Land, in the County of *Fauquier*, purchaſed of *Richard Chicheſter*

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 464.

Chicheſter, and *Sarah* his Wife, and that it will be to the Advantage of the Petitioner, and thoſe claiming in Remainder, if the Intail of the ſaid 2000 Acres of Land in *Fairfax* was docked, and the ſaid 1000 Acres of Land in *Fauquier*, with nine valuable Slaves, ſettled in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Waſhington* and Mr *Richard Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Veſtry of *Dettingen* Pariſh, in the County of *Prince William*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the further Conſideration of the Book of Public Claims.

And the Reſidue of the ſaid Book was read.

And ſeveral *Claims* were added to the Book by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Book of Public Claims do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Walker* do carry the Book of Public Claims to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to the Governor were committed;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow.

Mr *Braxton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower certain Truſtees to leaſe the Lands of the *Pamunkey Indians*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

136 *Reſolved*, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the preſent State of the Colony;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Peter Pelham* be diſcharged from the Service of this Houſe, as Organiſt.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to impower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; to ſell Part of his Lands for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to empower the Executors of the Will of* Charles Carter, *Eſquire, to ſell Part of his Lands, for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies.*

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for the laſt Convention and preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly; and that Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order made upon the 15th Day of *November* laſt, that a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the fifth and ſixth Reſolutions of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, which were upon that Day agreed to by the Houſe, and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in the ſame, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order, as to ſo much thereof as relates to the preparing and bringing in a Bill upon the ſaid ſixth Reſolution, be diſcharged.

A *Bill* for adding Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Treaſurer* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, for aſcertaining ſo much of the Boundary between the County of *James City* and the County of *York*, as runs through the City of *Williamſburg*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 436.

Wednesday, the 13th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *BILL* for clearing and making navigable the River *Potowmack*, from the Great Falls of the ſaid River, up to Fort *Cumberland*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Waſhington*, and all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampſhire*.

Mr *Bland*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, 137
to whom the Addreſs and Memorial to be preſented to his Excellency were committed, the ſaid Addreſs and Memorial, and the Amendment which the Committee had made to the Memorial, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Addreſs and Memorial, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſaid addreſs being again read;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereunto, by adding at the End thereof, theſe Words: 'But, if, unfortunately for this Colony, his Majeſty hath already taken his ultimate Reſolution to confine his Subjects to the Line propoſed by your Excellency, we muſt humbly acquieſce, and will furniſh the Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, according to the Eſtimate you have been pleaſed to communicate to us.'

And the ſaid *Amendment* was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, ſo amended.

The ſaid *Addreſs*, ſo amended, is as followeth, *viz.*

My Lord,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of Virginia, *having, agreeable to our former Aſſurances, maturely and deliberately conſidered your Excellency's Speech, beg Leave to renew our unfeigned Thanks for his Majeſty's kind Attention to the Intereſts of this Colony, in ſo readily approving the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantation, in Favour of a more extended Boundary to the Weſtward. We are perſuaded that his Majeſty's ſole Motive for ſo doing aroſe from his moſt gracious Inclination to promote the Security and Happineſs of his dutiful Subjects; but permit us, my Lord, with all Humility and Deference to his Royal Wiſdom, by an humble Memorial, to expreſs our Apprehenſions that his Majeſty hath not yet been made properly and fully acquainted with the true Situation of our Frontiers; and ſuffer us to intreat your Lordſhip, that you will be pleaſed to lay before our Royal Sovereign a more perfect State of the Matter, and endeavor to procure for this Colony ſuch farther Indulgencies, in enlarging its boundary, as to his Majeſty, in his great Wiſdom, may ſeem juſt and right. On our Parts, we do aſſure your Excellency, that we ſhall, at all Times, be ready and willing chearfully to comply with every Requiſition in our Power, that may tend to promote the Honour and Dignity of his Majeſty's Crown, the Extenſion of his Dominions, and the true Intereſts of this Colony.*

But, if, unfortunately for this Colony, his Majeſty hath already taken his ultimate Reſolution to confine his Subjects to the Line propoſed by your Excellency, we muſt humbly acquieſce, and will furniſh the Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, according to the Eſtimate you have been pleaſed to communicate to us.

And the ſaid Memorial is as followeth, *viz.*

To his Excellency the Right Honourable NORBORNE, *Baron de* BOTETOURT, *his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* VIRGINIA *and Vice Admiral of the ſame.*

The

The MEMORIAL of the HOUSE of BURGESSES.

Humbly Repreſents,

That your Memorialiſts having paid the earlieſt Attention to your Lordſhip's Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion, have taken under their moſt ſerious Conſideration that very intereſting Part of it which relates to the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantations to his Majeſty, reſpecting the Extenſion of the Boundary of this Colony to the Weſtward; and as your Memorialiſts are extremely ſolicitous, on all Occaſions, to ſtand fair in the Royal Opinion of their moſt gracious Sovereign, they humbly preſume to lay before your Excellency their Reaſons for not immediately complying with his Majeſty's Requiſition, communicated to them by your Lordſhip in ſuch very polite and engaging Terms.

188 *Senſible as your Memorialiſts are of the many ſignal Advantages which would redound as well to his Majeſty as to ſeveral of his* American *Colonies, they ſhould think themſelves blind to their Duty and Intereſt if they did not receive, with all Thankfulneſs, your Lordſhip's Information of the Benefits intended to them by his Majeſty's gracious Approval of a more extended Boundary, than had been propoſed by the Superintendent of* Indian *Affairs in the Southern Department; but they flatter themſelves that a Reviſion of the Subject, if his Majeſty would once more be pleaſed to condeſcend to take it under his princely Conſideration, would convince his Majeſty that his moſt gracious Purpoſe cannot be anſwered by eſtabliſhing the Line propoſed.*

Your Memorialiſts beg Leave to obſerve that the ſaid Line, if extended from the Interſection of Holſton's *River, the Point, which would terminate the Line dividing this Colony from* North Carolina *to the Mouth of the great* Kanhaway, *would be near Two Hundred Miles in Length, and muſt paſs through a Country abounding with high and rugged Mountains, extremely difficult and dangerous of Acceſs, and interſected by many Water Courſes; that the preſent Poſture of* Indian *Affairs would make a ſtrong Guard of armed Men neceſſary for the Protection of thoſe who might be commiſſioned to run ſuch a Line, as it muſt neceſſarily paſs through a Country uninhabited, and through which thoſe* Indians, *who ſeem at preſent moſt inclined to Hoſtilities, do frequently take their Routs;*

That by eſtabliſhing ſuch Line, a great Part of that moſt valuable Country, lying on the Ohio, *below the Mouth of the great* Kanhaway, *lately ceded to his Majeſty by the Northern* Indians, *would be ſeparated and divided from the* Britiſh *Territory, on the upper Part of* Holſton's *River, the great* Kanhaway, *and the* Ohio, *which your Memorialiſts humbly conceive muſt greatly impede, and may totally prevent the Settlement of that fertile and extenſive Country, which, from its Situation and many natural Advantages, would open the faireſt Proſpect of a very beneficial Commerce to our Mother Country, by ſecuring to his Majeſty's Subjects a new and extenſive Trade with the ſeveral Tribes of Weſtern* Indians, *which has hitherto been almoſt engroſſed by the Subjects of* France; *and by this Means many* Indian *Nations, heretofore living at Enmity with our moſt gracious Sovereign and his Subjects, might be made friendly and uſeful in extending the Trade and Navigation of* Great-Britain.

That your Memorialiſts have the greateſt Reaſon to fear that the ſaid Line, if confirmed, would conſtantly open to the Indians *and others, Enemies to his Majeſty, a free and eaſy Ingreſs to the Heart of the Country, on the* Ohio, Holſton's *River, and the great* Kanhaway, *whereby the Settlements, which may be attempted in thoſe Quarters, will, in all Probability, be utterly deſtroyed, and that great Extent of Country, from the Mouth of the* Kanhaway *to the Mouth of the* Cherokee *River, extending Eaſtward as far as the* Laurel Hills, *ſo very lately ceded to his Majeſty, and to which no Tribe of* Indians, *at preſent, ſets up any Pretenſions, will be entirely abandoned to the* Cherokees; *in Conſequence of which Claims totally deſtructive of the true Intereſts of his Majeſty, may, at ſome future Time ariſe, and Acquiſitions juſtly ranked amongſt the moſt valuable of the late War, be altogether loſt.*

Your Memorialiſts further beg Leave to repreſent to your Lordſhip, that Lands, which have been granted by Patents regularly obtained, according to the known and fixed Rules of this Government, if the ſaid Line were to take Place, would be entirely diſmembered from

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this Colony, allotted to the Indians, *and entirely loſt to the Proprietors, who were authorized by Law, and encouraged by the Royal Inſtruction of his late Majeſty to his Governor, to explore and ſettle this new Country at the Riſque of their Lives, and at a great Expence.*

Your Memorialiſts, from theſe weighty Conſiderations, have been induced to extend their Views, and do humbly offer, as their Opinion, that a Line beginning at the Weſtern Termination of the North-Carolina *Line, and running thence in a due Weſt Direction to the River* Ohio, *may be accompliſhed at a much leſs Expence than the other Line propoſed; that the Extenſion of ſuch a Line is neceſſary for the Safety and Advantage of his Majeſty's Subjects, and that it would tend greatly to the Increaſe of his Majeſty's Revenue, and to the Promotion of the Trade and Navigation of the Weſtern Part of this Dominion, if a Purchaſe were made of the* Cherokee *Indians of all their Lands, which ſuch due Weſtern Line would include; eſpecially if his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed, in his Royal Wiſdom, to diſcourage all Monopolies of thoſe Lands, and ſtrengthen our Barrier, by granting them, in ſmall or Moderate quantities, to ſuch Adventurers as might incline to ſeat and ſettle the ſame.*

Your Memorialiſts, for the better Illuſtration of the foregoing Obſervations, beg Leave to lay before your Excellency as exact and perfect a Plan of that Part of the Country as they at preſent are able to procure, and humbly ſubmit the whole Matter to your Excellency's Judgment.

From ſuch Repreſentation, as your Excellency may think fit to make, we preſume to flatter ourſelves that his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to order a Suſpenſion of any other Line that may affect the very numerous Settlements on his Subjects to the Eaſtward of that now propoſed, till the Matter is reconſidered, and fully and clearly underſtood.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs and Memorial be preſented to his Excellency, by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Henry*, do wait upon the Governor to know his Excellency's Pleaſure, and when he will be attended by this Houſe.

A *Meſſage* from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,
The Council have agreed to the Book of Public Claims. 189

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Walker* do carry the Book of Claims to the Governor, and deſire his Excellency's Aſſent thereto.

Mr *Waſhington* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Daniel M'Carty* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the preſent State of the Colony;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-Morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till To-Morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Joſeph Cabell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday

Thurſday, the 14th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Harriſon* reported, from the Committee of Trade, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for eſtabliſhing Quarterly Courts, inſtead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties.*

Ordered, That M[r] *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to proportion the Public Levy.

And a Committee was appointed of M[r] *Thomas Walker*, M[r] *Cocke*, M[r] *Roane*, M[r] *Starke*, M[r] *Adams*, M[r] *Edwards*, M[r] *Bailey*, M[r] *Gray*, M[r] *Stith*, M[r] *Rutherford*, and M[r] *Clayton*.

140 M[r] *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for ſettling the Fees of the Clerk and Serjeant of the Court of Huſtings, for the City of *Williamſburg:* And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the preſent State of the Colony;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* the Twenty-eighth Day of *May* next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

An engroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[3] *declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of inſolvent Debtors*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of inſolvent Debtors.*

Ordered, That M[r] *Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe was moved, that the Order made upon *Friday* laſt, that the petition of the Miniſter and veſtry of the Pariſh of *Ware*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe, might be read.

And the ſame being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid petition: And that M[r] *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Sundry *Petitions* of ſeveral perſons, of the County of *King George*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed; *and alſo*,

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Stafford*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed; *and alſo*,

Sundry *Petitions* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed,

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[1] Hening, VI. p. 146.
[2] Not recorded as a law.
[3] Hening, V, p. 526.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 326.

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the lower Counties in the *Northern Neck* being very long and narrow, are inconvenient: and therefore praying, that the Boundaries of the Counties of *Northumberland*, *Lancaſter*, *Richmond*, *Weſtmoreland*, *King George*, and *Stafford*, may be reformed by dividing Lines extending from *Rappahannock* River to *Potowmack* River; *and alſo*,

Sundry *Petitions* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Richmond*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed; *and alſo*,

Sundry *Petitions* of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed,

Were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this Houſe, for new modelling the Counties of *Richmond*, *Weſtmoreland*, *King George* and *Stafford;* ſetting forth the Difficulties and Expences of executing, and the ill Conſequences which will reſult from the propoſed Alteration; and 141
therefore praying that the Boundaries of the ſaid Counties may remain as they are.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A *Bill* for dividing the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Dixon*, Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Mercer*.

A *Bill* to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtate and ſettle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and other Warehouſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Burton*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Taliaferro*, Mr *Macon*, and Mr *Henry*.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to divide the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to divide the Pariſh of* Hamilton, *in the Counties of* Fauquier *and* Prince William.

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Petition of ſeveral Perſons, of the County of *Accomack*, praying that the Inſpection at *Guilford* Warehouſe may be removed from thence, and placed on *Hunting* Creek, at *Finley's Point*, or on the land of *Elijah Greenolds*, which, upon *Tueſday* laſt, was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Dixon* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for dividing the Pariſh of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for clearing and making navigable the River *Potowmack*, from the great Falls of the ſaid River, up to Fort *Cumberland*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 403.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Public Levy: And that Mr *Thomas Walker* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

142 Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for adding Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to explain and amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to confirm the Charter of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings, in the City of* Williamſburg: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands and Slaves, whereof *John Page*, Eſq; is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Thomas Walker* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for laying a Public Levy: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a ſecond Time.

The *Bill* was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Mr *Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes in Money for the laſt Convention, and preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to veſt Three Hundred Acres of Land, diviſed by *Zachary Crips* for a Glebe in the Pariſh of *Ware*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

143 A *Claim* of *Benjamin Powell* for Repairs to the Capitol, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Claim* of *Benjamin Powell* for Repairs to the Magazine, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Mitchell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Mr *Simpſon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

A *Bill* to veſt certain Lands, whereof *John Robinſon*, Eſq; died ſeized, in Truſt for *Philip Johnſon*, Gentleman, and his Children, in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved

[1] Hening, IV. p. 541.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, and Mr *Nelſon*.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of Four Thouſand Acres of Land, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, whereof *James Burwell* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Treaſurer*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Nelſon*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Benjamin Baker*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the 15th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Bland* reported to the Houſe, that his Excellency having been waited upon, purſuant to the Order of *Wedneſday* laſt, to know his Excellency's Pleaſure, when he would be attended by this Houſe, had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended this Day in the Council Chamber, and to ſay, he would acquaint the Houſe, by a Meſſenger of his own, when he was ready to receive their Addreſs and Memorial.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *to veſt certain Lands in Truſtees for the Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and that Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Laws of each Seſſion, to be ſent to the County Court Clerks, for the Uſe of the acting Juſtices of Peace, be Half Bound, for which this Houſe will make Satiſfaction to the Public Printer.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Daniel M'Carty* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who ſerve for the Counties of *Weſtmoreland*, *Fairfax*, *Prince William*, and *Loudoun*.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*[2] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* David Garland *is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the Title in* Francis Eppes, *Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling the Value thereof in Slaves to the ſame Uſes.* 144

And the ſaid *Amendment* was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Line 42, after '*Lands*,' leave out, 'and from thenceforth the ſaid Slaves ſhall deſcend, paſs and go, from the ſaid *David Garland*, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and under the ſame Limitations as the ſaid Three Hundred and Seventy-eight Acres of Land would or might have deſcended, paſſed and gone, had this Act never been made,' and inſert 'Provided nevertheleſs, that the Slaves ſo annexed, and their future Increaſe, ſhall be liable to be taken in Execution, and ſold for ſatiſfying and paying the juſt Debts of the Tenant in Tail for the Time being, in the ſame Manner as other intailed Slaves are liable,' inſtead thereof.

The *Amendment* following was propoſed to be made to the ſaid Amendment, *viz.*

That the Words propoſed by the Council to be left out, ſtand Part of the Bill, before the Clauſe propoſed to be inſerted inſtead thereof.

And the ſaid *Amendment* to the Amendment was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Then the *Queſtion* being put, that the Houſe doth agree to the Amendment made by the Council, with the ſaid Amendment thereunto;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas went forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Riddick*, } 33

Tellers for the Noes, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, } 33

And

[1] Not recorded as a Law.

[2] Hening, VIII, p. 442.

And the Members being equal;

Mr *Speaker* declared himſelf with the *Yeas*.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment made by them, with an Amendment, to which Amendment to the Amendment this Houſe doth deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe;*

Mr *Speaker*,

His Excellency is now ready to receive the Addreſs and Memorial of this Houſe in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up; and being returned,

Mr *Speaker* reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor with their Addreſs and Memorial, to which his Excellency was pleaſed to give this Anſwer:

Mr *Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*,

"*I will tranſmit to the Earl of* Hillſborough, *by the very firſt Opportunity, the whole of your Reaſoning, in Favour of a more extended Boundary of this Colony to the Weſtward, than that which was laſt recommended by the Board of Trade; and will intreat his Lordſhip to implore his Majeſty to indulge his Houſe of Burgeſſes in every Wiſh of their Hearts, which, in his Royal Wiſdom, he ſhall deem conſiſtent with his paternal Regard for all his People.*"

145 An ingroſſed *Bill* for reimburſing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover* Counties the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for reimburſing the Inhabitants of* King William *and* Hanover *Counties the Expence of clearing* Pamunkey *River*.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Terry*, a Member of this Houſe, informed the Houſe, that in the Month of *May* laſt, he had been accuſed by Mr *Coles*, a Member of this Houſe, of ſeveral Crimes, which Accuſation was referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and Mr *Terry* deſired, that the Matter might be now inquired into, that he may vindicate his Innocence.

Ordered, That the ſaid Information be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Willis Riddick*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Benjamin Baker* to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Nanſemond*, and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard before the Committee, on *Friday*, the firſt Day of *June* next.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Daniel M'Carty* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 407.

him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes in Money, for the laſt Convention, and preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, was read a ſecond Time. 146

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Mr *Treaſurer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to compel Ships, infected with the Gaol-Fever or Small-Pox, to perform Quarantine; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for laying a public Levy;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till To-morrow.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for dividing the Pariſh of St. *George*, in the County of Spotſylvania, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for dividing the Pariſh of St.* George, *in the County of* Spotſylvania, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of *Dettingen* Pariſh, in the County of *Prince William*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* to veſt Three Hundred Acres of Land, diviſed by *Zachary Crips* for a Glebe, in the Pariſh of *Ware*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for adding Part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for adding Part of the County of* Nanſemond *to the County of* Iſle of Wight, *and for aſcertaining Part of the Boundary between the Counties of* James City *and* York.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Starke* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the 16th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ORDERED, That Mr *Cabell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Sevenight.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[4] *for reducing* 147 *the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, was committed, that the

[1] Hening, VII. p. 265. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 399. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 405. [4] *Ibid.*, VII. p. 205.

the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent forging the Treaſury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation: And that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of *Meherrin* Pariſh, in the County of *Brunſwick*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of* Meherrin *Pariſh, in the county of* Brunſwick, *to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe.*

Ordered, That Mr Treaſurer do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent forging the Treaſury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation: And the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Suffolk* Pariſh in the County of *Nanſemond*, on the Eaſt Side of the River, praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided, or the Veſtry diſſolved, and for diſcontinuing a free Ferry therein mentioned; and had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be heard before the Committee, on *Tueſday*, the fifth day of *June* next.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *James Walker* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till the firſt Day of *January* next.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to veſt Three Hundred Acres of Land, deviſed by *Zachary Crips* for a Glebe, in the Pariſh of *Ware*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act to veſt Three Hundred Acres of Land, deviſed by* Zachary Crips *for a Glebe, in the Pariſh of* Ware, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

148 *Ordered*, That Mr *Waſhington* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till this Day Sevenight.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for laying a Public Levy.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progreſs in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 408.

[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 435.

Ordered, That Mr *Carrington* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till this Day Sevenight.

Mr *Eyre* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtate and ſettle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and other Warehouſes, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, one of them was diſagreed to, and the reſt were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Mayo* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be further adjourned till *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning next Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, the 18th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

ANOTHER Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated, and ſubſcribed the Teſt, took his Seat in the Houſe.

A *Petition* of *John Fox* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is poſſeſſed of a Tract of Land, in the County of *Glouceſter*, joining the Land whereon the Court-Houſe ſtands, and that it would be for the Good of the Public if ſixty Acres of the Petitioner's ſaid Land were laid off in a Town; and therefore praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Alexander* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee 149
of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for laying a public Levy, be now read.

And the ſaid *Order* being read accordingly;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

And the Houſe being informed, that ſome other Amendments are neceſſary to be made to the ſaid Bill;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed to the Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for laying a Public Levy.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſeveral other Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a ſecond

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Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with ſeveral Amendments to one of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Support of the contingent Charges of this Government, that they make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for the Emiſſion of Treaſury Notes, of the Value of Ten Thouſand Pounds.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee appointed to proportion the Public Levy, that the Committee had proportioned the Public Levy, accordingly, and ſtated the ſame in a Book, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he delivered the Book in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Book do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

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150 ## Tuesday, the 19th of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Amendment made by this Houſe to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Garland* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the Title in *Francis Eppes*, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for ſettling the Value thereof in Slaves to the ſame Uſes: *and alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] declaring the Law concerning Execution, and for Relief of inſolvent Debtors, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for reimburſing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover* Counties the Expenſe of clearing *Pamunkey* River, *without any Amendment; And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] to divide the Pariſh of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, *without any Amendment: And alſo*.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[5] for dividing the Pariſh of *St. George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[6] for adding a part of the County of *Nanſemond* to the County of *Iſle of Wight*, and for aſcertaining Part of the Boundary between the Counties of *James City* and *York*, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[7] *to veſt* Three Hundred Acres of Land, deviſed by *Zachary Crips* for a Glebe, in the Pariſh of *Ware*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[8] to impower the Veſtry of *Meherrin* Pariſh, in the County of *Brunſwick*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[9] to impower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; to ſell Part of his Land for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies, *without any Amendment*.

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1 Hening, VIII. p. 442.
2 *Ibid.*, V, p. 526.
3 *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 407.
4 *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 403.
5 *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 399.
6 *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 405.
7 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 435.
8 *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 408.
9 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 430.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Claims, to them referred, for the Pay and Expences of the Militia of different Counties, and had drawn up and ſtated an Account thereof, which the Committee had directed him to report, together with the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Claims are reaſonable; and that the reſpective Claimants ought to be allowed by the Public for the ſame. 151

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government, that they make Proviſion in the ſaid Bill for Payment of Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, to defray the Expence of running the Line between this Colony and the *Cherokee Indians*, and alſo for Payment of the further Sum of Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, for importing Copper Money, according to the former Reſolutions of this Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, praying to be diſcharged of their Proportion of the Expence of maintaining *Genito* and *Naſh's* Bridges, over the *Appomattox* River, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, praying that *Guilford* Warehouſe may be diſcontinued, and new Warehouſes for the Reception of Tobacco, eſtabliſhed at one or other of the Places mentioned in the ſaid petition, be heard before the Committee, on *Monday* the 28th *May* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioners, or any other Perſons, be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes, touching the Conveniency or Inconveniency of the ſaid *Guilford* Warehouſe, and the Places propoſed for erecting new Warehouſes, before *Tully Robinſon Wife*, *John Watts*, *James Arbuckle*, *William Taylor*, and *Charles Bagwell*, or any three of them, and that they return the Depoſitions of ſuch Witneſſes to the Committee, at the Time appointed.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any three of them, give at leaſt ten Days public Notice of the Time and Place where they ſhall attend to take the Depoſitions.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Treaſurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton* in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

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Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be heard before the Committee upon *Monday*, the 28th Day of *May* next.

The ſaid *Reſolution* being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time.

152 *Reſolved*, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Daniel M'Carty* is ſeized, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Waſhington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that he had received a Letter from the Speaker of the General Aſſembly of *New-York*, in Anſwer to one tranſmitted to him by Mr *Speaker*, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, on the 16th Day of *May* laſt; and he delivered the ſaid Letter in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A *Bill* to prevent forging the Treaſury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtate and ſettle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and other Warehouſes, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtate and ſettle the Damages done by the late Storm in ſeveral Warehouſes.*

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Lewis Burwell* of *James City*, reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of 4000 Acres of Land, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, whereof *James Burwell* is ſeized in Fee Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees in Fee Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had examined the Matter of Mr *Nathaniel Terry's* Information, 'that in the Month of *May* laſt he had been accuſed by Mr *Coles*, a Member of this Houſe, of ſeveral Crimes, which Accuſation had been then referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections;' and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the ſame was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

153 Mr *Coles* appearing before the Committee, declared it was very diſagreeable to him to enter into the Proſecution of his ſaid Accuſation in *May* laſt; but that he was ready to deliver into the Committee the Names of the Perſons upon whom he depended to have proved the Matters of his Charge, if it had proceeded in *May*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Information be re-committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Information be re-committed to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

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[1] Not recorded as a law.

[1] Hening, VIII, p. 390.

A *Bill* for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a ſecond Time, one by one, and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon were, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the 20th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

THE Book of Public Proportions, which upon *Monday* laſt was ordered to lie upon the Table, was read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Book to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for laying a Public Levy, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for laying a Public Levy.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had examined ſeveral Claims, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; 154
where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *William Ralſton*, for a Mare taken by the *Cherokee Indians*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Walter Cuningham*, to be reimburſed a Judgment obtained againſt him by *John Clendening*, for his Pay as a Soldier in his Company, be rejected, the ſame having been allowed before.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Edward Powers*, for the Hire of a Horſe to convey a Criminal to the Public Gaol, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Tunſtall Banks*, Adminiſtrator, *&c.* of *William Banks*, deceaſed, for Sixty-one Days Pay, as a Lieutenant in the Year 1760, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Adam Wayland*, for Thirty Shillings, the Value of a Gun, impreſſed for the Uſe of the Militia, be rejected, the ſaid Claim not being ſufficiently proved.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Joſeph Pollard*, for Thirty-five Shillings, the Value of a Gun, impreſſed for the Uſe of the Militia, be rejected, the ſaid Claim not being ſufficiently proved.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 340.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Jacob Vanmeter*, for the Hire of a Waggon and Team to tranſport Flour to Fort *Cumberland*, be rejected, the ſame not being a Public Claim.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *John Black*, for Eighty Days Pay as a Soldier, be rejected, it not appearing when the Service was performed.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had examined ſeveral Claims, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Charles Tomkies*, to be allowed for the Damages he ſuſtained by Means of his Slave's being Froſt-bitten in Gaol, as ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Thirty Pounds for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Benjamin Powell*, for repairing the Capitol, is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed, by the Public, the Sum of Seventy-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence, for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of the ſaid Powell for repairing the Magazine, be rejected.

The ſaid *Reſolutions* being ſeverally read a ſecond Time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That *Charles Tomkies* be allowed, by the Public, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, for the Damages he ſuſtained by Means of his Slave's being Froſt-bitten in Gaol.

Reſolved, That *Benjamin Powell* be allowed, by the Public, the Sum of Seventy-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence, for repairing the Capitol.

Ordered, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the ſaid Reſolutions to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government, was read the third Time.

An ingroſſed *Clauſe* was offered to be added to the Bill, by Way of a Ryder, for the Continuance of the Duties mentioned in the Bill.

And the ſaid *Clauſe* was thrice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe, to be made Part of the Bill, by Way of a Ryder.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[1] *for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government.*

155 *Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to prevent forging the Treaſury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to prevent forging the Treaſury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation.*

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for the Eaſe and Relief of the people, by paying the Burgeſſes in Money, for the laſt Convention, and preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for the Eaſe and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeſſes in Money, for the laſt Convention, and preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 342. [2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 348. [3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 490

A *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, to levy on the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, the Amount of a Judgment recovered againſt them by *William Meldrum*, their late Miniſter, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A *Bill* for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will now reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a ſecond Time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[1] *for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *for laying an addi-* 158
tional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony.

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act*[4] *for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the *Bill* do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *to amend an Act* intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine.*

Ordered, That Mr *Harriſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[6] for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government, *without any Amendment; And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[7] for laying a Public Levy, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[8] to continue and Amend and Act, Intituled, An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquor, into one Act, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[9] to prevent forging the Treaſury Notes of this Colony in circulation, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

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1 Hening, VII, p. 265.
2 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 235.
3 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 337.
4 *Ibid.*, VI, p. 146.
5 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 351.
6 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 342.
7 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 340.
8 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 335.
9 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 348.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] for the Eaſe and Relief of the People by paying the Burgeſſes in money for the laſt Convention, and preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, *without any Amendment: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Book of Public Proportions: *And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Schedule containing ſundry militia claims: *And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve of this Houſe for paying 30 £ to *Charles Tomkies: And alſo,*

The Council have agreed to the Reſolve of this Houſe for paying 79£ 11*s.* 11*d.* to *Benjamin Powell.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

An ingroſſed *Bill* for paying Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[2] *for paying the Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties for Services done in Counties therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of *Dettingen* Pariſh, in the County of *Prince William*, to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[3] *to impower the*
157 *Veſtry of* Dettingen *Pariſh, in the County of* Prince William, *to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe.*

Ordered, That Mr *Treaſurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Thurſday, the 21ſt of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

AN ingroſſed *Bill* for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[4] *for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer.*

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, to levy on the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, the Amount of a Judgment recovered againſt them, by *William Meldrum*, their late Miniſter, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act*[5] *for reimburſing the late Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick, *the Amount of a Judgment therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Mercer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had further examined the Matter of the Information of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, relating to the Accuſation reflecting upon his Character, to them re-committed, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 490.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 339.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 409.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 349.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 415.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject Matter of the ſaid Information be heard before the Committee, on *Thurſday* the Twenty-fourth Day of *May* next.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Depoſitions of the ſeveral Witneſſes, whoſe Names are now delivered in to the Committee by Mr *Coles*, be taken before *Robert Munford*, of *Mecklenburg*, *Hugh Innes*, *John Donelſon*, *Robert Wooding*, *Thomas Meriwether*, *Thomas Bolling*, *Seth Ward*, and *Benjamin Watkins*, Gentlemen, or any two of them, to be read as Evidence before the Committee, in Caſe the Witneſſes ſhall be unable to attend, at the Time of Hearing, Ten Days Notice of the Time and Place of taking ſuch Depoſitions being given to Mr *Terry* by Mr *Coles*, who is appointed and deſired to attend ſuch Examinations; and that Mr *Terry* be at Liberty, 158
before the ſame Commiſſioners, to take the Examinations of any Witneſſes, to be Evidence as aforeſaid, giving the like Notice to Mr *Coles*.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[1] for laying an additional duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[2] to Amend an Act, intituled, Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[3] for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[4] for paying officers fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the Counties therein mentioned, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[5] to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtate and ſettle the Damages done by the late Storm, in ſeveral Warehouſes, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[6] to impower the Veſtry of *Dettingen* Pariſh, in the County of *Prince William*, to ſell the Glebe at the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out the Money in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, *without any Amendment: And alſo*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled*, An Act[7] *for reimburſing* the late Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, the amount of a judgment therein mentioned, *without any Amendment.*

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Mr *Dudley Digges* reported, from the Committee appointed to examine the enrolled Bills, that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein; and that they are truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Dudley Digges* do carry the enrolled Bills to the Council, for their Inſpection.

A *Meſſage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have inſpected the enrolled bills and are ſatiſfied they are truly enrolled.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

A *Meſſage* from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe;*

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor commands this Houſe to attend his Excellency, immediately, in the Council

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[1] Hening, VIII, p. 337.
[2] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 351.
[3] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 349.
[4] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 339.
[5] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 390.
[6] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 409.
[7] *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 415.

Council Chamber; and that you bring with you ſuch Bills and Reſolves as are ready for his Aſſent.

Accordingly, Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber. And, being returned,

Mr *Speaker* reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſeveral Public and Private Bills following, *viz.*

An Act[1] *to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for relief of Inſolvent Debtors.*

An Act[2] *to regulate the Practice of ſuing out, and proſecuting Writs of Replevin, in Caſes of Diſtreſs, for Rent.*

An Act[3] *for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, into one Act.*

An Act[4] *to continue and Amend an Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act.*

An Act[5] *for continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly, impoſing Duties upon Slaves.*

An Act[6] *for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves, imported into this Colony.*

An Act[7] *for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act[8] *for paying Officers Fees, due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the Counties therein mentioned.*

An Act[9] *for laying a Public Levy.*

An Act[10] *for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government.*

An Act[11] *to prevent forging the Treaſury-Notes of this Colony in Circulation.*

An Act[12] *for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Eſtate of the late Treaſurer.*

An Act[13] *to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine.*

An Act[14] *to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots and regulating their Fees.*

An Act[15] *for preventing and ſuppreſſing Private Lotteries.*

An Act[16] *for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for increaſing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the reſpective wherein the ſervices ſhall be performed.*

An Act[17] *for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned.*

An Act[18] *to appoint Commiſſioners to ſtate and ſettle the Damages done by the late Storm in ſeveral Warehouſes.*

An Act[19] *to repeal an Act of the General Aſſembly, exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County from the Payment of Ferriage on certain Days.*

An Act[20] *for exempting Free Negro, Mulatto, and Indian Women, from the Payment of Levies.*

An Act[21] *for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

An Act[22] *for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for appointing a Treaſurer.*

An Act[23] *for dividing the County and Pariſh of Auguſta, and for adding certain Iſland in the Fluvanna River, to the Counties of Albemarle, and Amherſt.*

An Act[24] *for dividing the Pariſh of St. George, in the County of Spotſylvania, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 326.
2 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 332.
3 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 334.
4 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 335.
5 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 336.
6 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 337.
7 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 338.
8 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 339.
9 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 340.
10 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 342.
11 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 348.
12 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 349.
13 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 351.
14 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 353.
15 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 358.
16 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 388.
17 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 389.
18 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 390.
19 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 392.
20 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 393.
21 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 394.
22 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 395.
23 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 395.
24 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 399.

An Act[1] *to divide the Parish of Hamilton, in the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William.*

An Act[2] *for adding Part of the County of Nansemond to the County of Isle of Wight, and for ascertaining Part of the Boundary between the Counties of James City and York.*

An Act[3] *for adding Part of the Parish of Southfarnham to the Parish of St. Anne.*

An Act[4] *for reimbursing the Inhabitants of King William and Hanover Counties the Expence of clearing Pamunkey River.*

An Act[5] *to empower the Vestry of Meherrin Parish, in the County of Brunswick, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.*

An Act[6] *to impower the Vestry of Dettingen Parish, in the County of Prince William, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.*

An Act[7] *to impower the Vestry of St. Marks Parish, in the County of Culpeper, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.*

An Act[8] *to Amend an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a Town, near Warwick, in the County of Henrico.*

An Act[9] *for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof Patrick Ramsay is seized, to the Town of Blanford.*

An Act[10] *to impower the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish of Hungars, in the County of Northampton, to lease certain Lands therein mentioned.*

An Act[11] *for reimbursing the late Vestry of the Parish of Frederick, in the County of Frederick, the Amount of a Judgment therein mentioned.*

An Act[12] *to vest Three Hundred Acres of Land devised by Zachary Crips for a Glebe, in the Parish of Ware, in the County of Gloucester, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

An Act[13] *to impower the Executors of the Will of Charles Carter, Esq; to sell Part of his Lands for the Payment of His Debts and Legacies.*

An Act[14] *to confirm to George Marshall, the Fee Simple Estate in certain Lands, purchased by him of the Vestry of Hanover, in the County of King George.*

An Act[15] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Thomas Fisher, jun. is seized, and for settling Slaves, of greater Value, to the same Uses.*

An Act[16] *to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof David Garland is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the Title in Francis Eppes, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for settling the Value thereof in Slaves, to the same Uses.*

An Act[17] *for the Ease and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgesses in Money for the last Convention, and present Session of Assembly.*

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And *also*, That

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Resolves following, *viz.*

A *Resolve* for paying Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds *per Annum* to *William Rind*, the Public Printer.

A *Resolve* for paying Three Hundred Pounds to *William Rind*, *Alexander Purdie*, and *John Dixon*, Printers, as a further Consideration for printing and binding the Acts of General Assembly.

A *Resolve* for paying an additional Salary of Fifteen Pounds *per Annum* to *Edward Westmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol.

A *Resolve* for paying Thirty Pounds to *Charles Tomkies*, for the Damages he sustained by Means of his Slave's being Frost-bitten in Gaol.

A *Resolve* for paying Seventy-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence to *Benjamin Powell*, for repairing the Capitol.

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1 Hening, VIII, p. 403.
2 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 405.
3 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 406.
4 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 407.
5 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 408.
6 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 409.
7 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 410.
8 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 411.
9 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 413.
10 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 414.
11 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 415.
12 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 435.
13 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 436.
14 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 438.
15 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 440.
16 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 442.
17 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 490.

A *Reſolve* for paying ſeveral Militia Claims to ſeveral Perſons in the Counties of *Auguſta*, *Bedford*, *Culpeper*, *Fauquier*, *Frederick*, *Hampſhire*, *Loudoun*, and *Prince William*.

And that afterwards his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council, and this Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr *Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

I thank you very ſincerely for the material Service you have rendered to his Majeſty, and this his ancient Dominion, by conſidering their Intereſts as exactly the ſame, in the Courſe of all your wiſe and temperate Deliberations.

Conduct, like yours, is the ſureſt Teſt of virtuous Principles, and cannot fail of ſecuring to you, in my Opinion, the firſt of all Rewards, a grateful Acceptance from our beloved Sovereign and his happy People.

The Inclination of this Aſſembly could alone have engaged me to have interrupted the Buſineſs of this Seſſion; but as I underſtand that it is generally deſired to adjourn over the Chriſtmas Holidays, and not to meet again till the Month of May, *I do direct both Houſes to adjourn themſelves to the* 21st *Day of* May *next.*

And the Houſe accordingly adjourned until Monday *the* 21st *Day of* May *next Eleven of the Clock in the Morning.*

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